

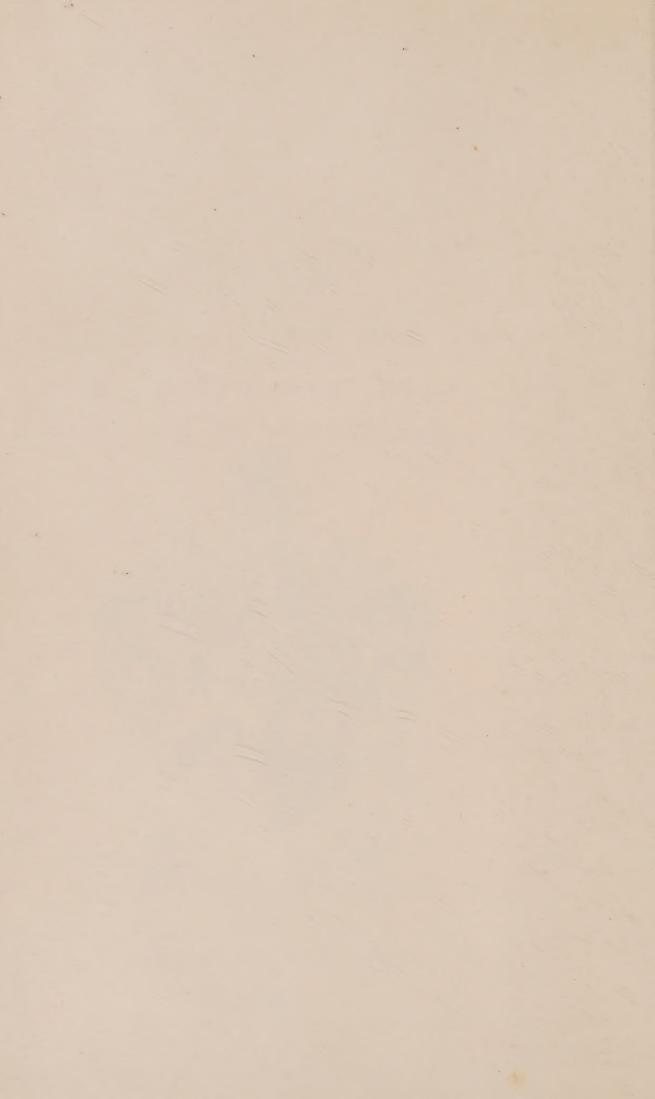
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# THE COURT BOOKS OF THE LEEDS CORPORATION

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#### INTRODUCTION

Maurice Paganel, or Paynell, who held the Manor of Leeds from Ilbert de Lacy, Baron of Pontefract, granted a limited charter to his tenants in Leeds on the 12th November, 1207. By this charter the inhabitants held of Paynell by burgage right instead of villein service and became burgesses of a borough. There was a borough court, but the burgesses were not the magistrates. That office was discharged by the reeve, and the liberties of the borough were exercised under his supervision for the benefit of the lord of the manor. This measure of local government, small as it was, had to suffice for the next four centuries.

Leeds had an ancient market, but no castle, minster or shrine to make it an important centre in mediaeval times, and it was not situated on any great highway. The steady growth of the town during the sixteenth century, however, and the reputation of its inhabitants as manufacturers of woollen cloths rendered its incorporation desirable, and on the 13th July, 1626, Charles I granted the first Royal Charter to the borough.

The government of the Borough was now vested in an Alderman, nine Principal Burgesses and twenty Assistants, who constituted the Common Council. The Alderman, the Principal Burgesses and the Recorder were appointed Justices of the Peace, with power also to administer the statutes of artificers and labourers and of weights and measures. The first Alderman was Sir John Savile of Howley Hall, afterwards Baron Savile of Pontefract.

Under the Commonwealth the local supporters of Parliament gained control of the Corporation, and it is not surprising that at the Restoration there was an early petition from the Royalist party in Leeds for the ejectment of the existing Common Council. A copy of this petition, with the cross-petition of the Parliamentary party and other relevant documents, appears in the Appendix to this volume. I am indebted for these copies to Miss Joyce Atkinson, who transcribed them from the originals in the Public Record Office in London.

As a result of this Petition a new Charter was granted to Leeds by Charles II on the 2nd November, 1661, by which the Common Council was to consist of a Mayor, twelve Aldermen and twentyfour Assistants. The first Mayor was Thomas Danby of Farnley Hall, son of Sir Thomas Danby. I have included in the Appendix some brief particulars of the persons nominated in the Charter. In 1684 the Charter was surrendered and a new Charter, less favourable to the burgesses, was granted. Leeds suffered in this respect in common with the other Boroughs of the Kingdom, but with the accession of William and Mary the Charter of 1661 was restored and remained in full force until the passing of the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835.

The records of the Corporation prior to 1661 are missing. Whether they were lost or deliberately destroyed before the appointment of the new Council under the Charter of 1661 is not known. The existing Court Books of the Corporation for the period before 1835 are three in number and the volume which follows is a transcript of the first, covering the period 1662 to 1705. The original measures 13 inches by  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches; it is in bad repair, lacking the back strip and broken in the covers and binding. The first twelve pages are much frayed at the edges and corners, and seven leaves (pages 332 to 345 inclusive), relating to the period between January 1694 and June 1696, are missing.

The book contains about 430 pages of Court Orders and memoranda and at the end of the book there is an appendix containing the Hearth Tax return under the Act of 14 Charles II and copies of certain oaths of office. The Hearth Tax return is printed in full in Wardell's *Municipal History of Leeds*, and it was therefore considered unnecessary to reprint it. Most of the oaths of office also appear in Wardell's history.

The thanks of the Society are due to the City Council for their kind permission to transcribe and publish the court books. My personal thanks are due to the Town Clerk (Thos. Thornton, Esq.) and the Chief Committee Clerk (A. T. Wilson, Esq.) for the facilities afforded me in making the transcription.

Leeds, 1936.

J. G. CLARK.

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# THE COURT BOOKS OF THE LEEDS CORPORATION

Vol. I (1662-1705)

1662

Ad Curiam Maioris, Aldermanos .... Burgus pred. tent Quarto die Januarii Anno Regni Regis Caroli Secundi decimo tertio.

Ad hanc Cur. ven Johes. Hopton, Ar., Wills. Marshall sen., Johes. Dawson gen., Johes. Medcalfe gen., Franciscus Allanson gen., Daniel Foxcroft gen., Marmaducus Hicke gen., Edrus. Atkinson gen., Xpopher Watkinson gen., & Godfridus Lawson gen. & debita Legis forma prestitunt & eoʻz [eorum] quem¹bt [quemlibit] divisim prestitit Allegianc. & principat sacra & postea Sacrum ad Officium Justiciarii ad pacem infra Burgum pred. exequend.

Ad hanc Cur. etiam ven. Willus. Curtis, Richus. Armitage, Gilbtus. Cooper, Johes. Barker, Johes. Killingbecke, Brian Kitchingman, Wills. Millner, Willm. Hutchinson, Willm. Fenton, Willm. Busfeild, Hen. Walker, Samuel Child, Jacobus Netherwood, Henricus Rhoades, Richus. Midgley, Lancelotus Iveson, Adam Hargrave, Will. Foster & Carolus Houldsworth & silit debita Legis forma prestitunt & quitt [quilibit] divisim prestitit Allegianciae & principat sacra & postea . . . . Assistent vell Cois Conciliarii Burgus pred.

Et silit ad hanc Cur. Henricus Conyers electus & fu.... Serviend ad Clavex pbt. supra.

Et jusux ad hanc Cur. Samuell Brogden gen. . . . . Comnis. Clicus. sive Clicus. ad pacem infra [Burgum pred. nemo] contradicente.

For the better observation of the Sabbath .... of all profanation thereof and for the S. ..... of all greivances that may hereafter happen .... It is Ordered that all and every the C[onstables] and the Churchwardens within the ..... [a line missing here]

.... all appearances at the Common Hall so that the said Maior and Aldermen may receive information in that behalfe and the Offenders in such cases to have theire due punishment according to the Lawes and Statutes in such cases made and provided.

**Ad Curiam** Maioris, Aldermanos & Ass.... Burgus pred. tent Vicessimo die Januarii Anno Regni Reg. Caroli Secundi decimo tertio.

Whereas complaint hath been made that the Churchwardens of Leeds Towne for the year last past have not duely made theire Accounts touching theire Church Layes and Assessments as the Law in such cases doth require This Court taking into consideration the greivance thereof doth thinke fitt and doe hereby Order and require all and every the Churchwardens of the said Towne for the yeare aforesaid that

they make and give up theire Accounts unto Thomas Scudamore, William Fenton and William Whittley, and of theire proceedings in this behalfe the said Thomas Scudamore, William Fenton and William Whittley are desired to certifie the Court here on Munday the third day of Feabruary next.

S. Brogden, Clark of the Peace

Ad hanc Cur. eadem Ordo ad Compnt reddend John Barker, John Morley & John Moore pbt. supra.
John Killingbecke gen. pbt. supra.
Adams Hargrave pbt. supra.
Will<sup>s</sup> Brotherwick pbt. supra.
Will<sup>s</sup> Hutton & Tobie Iles pbt. supra.
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#### At an Assembly of Aldermen and other .... Poare of the said Burrough.

For the due and better execution of the Lawes and Statutes made for relief and support of the poore within the said Burrough and for ... of theire open begging and that they may be sett on Worke whereby ... gaine a subsistence to themselves It is agreed that the said Burrough be divided into six Wards as in manner followeth, to witt

- I. Hunslett cu. Holbeck & Catt Beeston and that Edward Atkinson gent. [shall take] the care and management of the poore within the said Ward and [Adam] Hargrave, William Fenton and Samuel Child, three of the Co[mmon] Council of the said Burrough shall be ayding and assisting him [in the] execution thereof together with one Overseer of the Poore for . . . .
- 2. Beeston, Farnley, Wortley, Armley, Bramley and Withers and that .... Hicke gent. shall take the care as above and that John Barker, W. .... and John Sympson together with one Overseer shall be assisting as [above].
- 3. Headingley cu. Burley, Chappell Allerton and Potternewton and that .... gent. shall take the care as above and that John Killingbeck, William .... and James Netherwood together with one Overseer shall be [assisting as] above.
- 4. Park Laine, Little Woodhouse, Great Woodhouse, Buslingthorpe .... Quarryhill and both Towne Ends and that John Dawson gent. [shall take] the care as above and that William Foster, Henry Walker and [Richard] Midgley gent. together with one Overseer of the Poore s[hall be] assisting as above.
- 5. Marsh Laine, Hillhousebancke, Knawstroppe, all about Timleb .... [Timble-bridge], Lower Fold, Church Style, Meadow Laine and Hunslet Laine and .... Godfray Lawson gent. shall take the care as above and that Will.... Brian Kitchingman and John Hodgson gent. together with one Ov[erseer] of the Poore shall be assisting as above.
- 6. Leeds Towne and Leeds Kirkgate and that Christopher Watk[inson shall] take the care as above and that William Busfield, Charles H[oldsworth] shall together with one Overseer of the P[oor] be assisting them as above.

It is Ordered by the Court that Henry Conyers, Serieant att Mace for the Burrough aforesaid (during the pleasure of this Court) doe and is hereby authorised to collect and receave all and all manner of Toll due and payable within the Burrough aforesaid and that he doe once in every month render yield and make a true account thereof and his Receipts in that behalfe unto Richard Armitage gent. and William Foster gent. (two of the Common Counsell of the Borough aforesaid) who are hereby desired to ayde, advise and assist him in the due Execution thereof this Court indemnifying them against any Action that shall be commenced or brought against them or either of them in that behalfe.

Whereas complainte hath beene made unto this Court by James Ash and William Ash that diverse persons refuse to pay their Assessment ratably imposed upon them upon pretence there was no Authority or Governem<sup>t</sup> at the tyme of the making thereof to support or warrant it This Court (upon due consideration thereof had) doth thinke fitt and so Order that the said Assessment shall stand firme and good and the present Surveyors of the Highways of the towne of Leeds are hereby required to collect, gather and Receave the same and upon demand and refusall of payment then to make such distress or distresses according to the Law.

**Ad Cur.** Maioris, Aldermanos & Assistent tent p. Burgo pred. tertio die Feabruary A<sup>o</sup> Regni Regis Car. Sed. decimo quarto.

Whereas complaint hath beene made unto this Court by the present Churchwardens for the towne and parish of Leeds that they have really expended and laid out about the Repayres of the Parish Church of the said Towne and about the erecting of a font for the more reverent Administering the Holy Sacrament of Baptisme severall great summes of money and have desired the assistance and aid of this Court .... their Reimbursement in this behalfe ..... that the said Churchwardens shall have and are hereby Authorised an eight fold Assessment to be rated assessed and taxed upon the Inhabitants of the said Burrough, each Churchwarden within the severall divisions taking unto theire Assistance two sufficient and dyscreete Inhabitants for the rating, taxing and assessing of the same.

**Apud privat Sessionem** pacis tent apud Leeds pred. Burgo decimo die Feabr. Aº Regni dni. R. Car. Sed¹ dec. quarto . . . . Johe. Medcalfe, Marmaduco Hicke, Godfrido Lawson, & Ch. . Watkinson Ar., Justic. dci. dni Rs. ad pace ibm. conservan.

Upon complainte to this Court made by Peter Parker C[onstable of] Leeds towne that one Leonard Wright with his wife and [children] are lately come into Leeds and remained there as Inmates ... that the said constable informes the Court that the said L[eonard] Wright was last lawfully settled att Stanley upon due cons[ideration] whereof it is Ordered by the Court that the said Leonard Wright [and] his wife and children be forthwith removed to Stanley where they had theire last lawfull settlement as aforesaid .... the Officers and Constables of Stanley are hereby required .... receive them and provide for them according to Law they .... approved by the Examination of the said Leonard Wright .... settled att Stanley aforesaid ever since Martinmas was twe[lve month].

**Ad Cur.** Maior, Alderman. & Assistent tent p. Burg. Vicessimo quarto die Marcii Anno Regni Regis Car. Secund. decimo quarto.

Ad hanc Cur. Compabant Thomas Danby Ar., Johe. Dauson, Marmaduc Hicke, Edwad. Atkinson & Godfridus Lawson Aldermen, Burgi pred. & Willus. Curtis. Richus. Armitage, Johe. Barker, Johe. Killingbecke, Johe. Sympson, Brian Kitchingman, Willus. Milner, Willus. Hutchinson, Willus. Fenton, Willus. Busfield, Samuel Child, Jacobus Netherwood, Henric. Rhoades, Richus. Midgley, Lancelot Iveson, Adamus Hargrave, Willus. Foster, Carolus Houldsworth.

Whereas att an Assembly of Aldermen and others Justices of Peace of the said Burrough for the better relief and support of the Poore and that they may be sett on worke as the Law appoynts. It was agreed that the said Burrough should be divided into six Wards and that the persons in the respective Wards named should take the care and well governance of the poor in each particular ward soe devided now this Court well weighing the grounds of the Agreement by the Assembly aforesaid made doe hereby Order that the division of the Borough aforesaid into the said six Wards shall stand ratified and confirmed to all intents and purposes and for the better Observance of the Law in this particular doe hereby further order that forthwith six months Assessment be imposed and assessed upon the inhabitants of the said Burrough which is to be imployed as a Stocke for the poore to gaine subsistance by, and for the poores better Order and demeanor William Morris of Leeds, clothier, is hereby appointed Master or Keeper of the House of Correction and Edward Atkinson gent., Godfray Lawson gent., two of the Aldermen of the said Burrough, and Richard Midgley and William Hutchinson gent., two of the Common Councell of the said Burrough, are hereby desired to treate with the said William Morris touching his stipend or yearly allowance and touching sufficient security to be by him entered into for such Stocke as shall be intrusted in his hands for the support of the poore as aforesaid.

This Court being informed of the remoovall of Robert Pickering (one of the Common Councell of the said Burrough in the Patent named but not Sworne) who allsoe being duly summoned to appear att this Court to take upon him the said Office: For reasons in a letter (by him subscribed) signified desired to [be] excused from the said office, which reasons this Court upon mature deliberation did allow and thereupon did proceed to an election of some other fitt person, whereupon Robert Nesse of Leeds, gent. was duely elected and chosen one of the Common Councell or Assistents of the said Burrough in his place and stead, it is therefore Ordered by the Court that the Serieant att Mace shall forthwith give notice unto the said Mr. Nesse of such his due election and allsoe that he duly summon him to appear att the next Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents of the Burrough aforesaid to be holden on Wednesday the six and twentieth day of March instant att the Common Hall of the Burrough, then and there (in due forme of Law) to take upon him the office of Common Councell Man or Assistent.

At this Court Thomas Hardwicke of Potternewton, Esq., was duly elected and chosen one of the Common Councell or Assistents of the Burrough aforesaid in the place and stead of Richard Armitage gent.,

the said Richard Armitage being duly elected and sworne one of the Aldermen of the said Burrough in the room of Francis Allanson (deceased) Whereupon it is Ordered by this Court that the present S[ergeant] att Mace shall forthwith give notice unto the said Mr. Hardwicke [of] such his due election and allsoe that he duely summon him to appear at the next Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents of the Burrough aforesaid to be holden on Wednesday the six and twentieth day of [March] instant att the Common Hall of the said Burrough, then and there (in due forme of Law) to take upon him the office of Common Councell man or Assistent.

Ad hanc Cur. Richus. Armitage gen. un Cois Concil Burgi pred. (debita legis forma) elect jurat fuit un Aldermanos un Justicio ad pace infra Burgum pred. in loco Francisci Allonson gen. defunct.

**Ad Cur.** Maioris, Aldermano. et Assistent tent p. Burgo pred. Vicessimo sexto die Marcii Regni Regis Caroli Sedi. decimo quarto.

For the more regular and due behaviour of all and every person and persons now or hereafter Members of this Burrough in the Transactions of any matter or thing in this Court it is Ordered that upon any matter put to question and in debate noe member of this Court shall take upon him to speake during such tyme as the Maior or any Alderman or any one of the Common Councell is in his discourse to the matter soe in question upon penalty of every Alderman for offending the summe of five shillings and every Common Councell man or Assistent the summe of two shillings and sixpence.

At this Court Robert Nesse formerly elected and chosen one of the Assistents of this Burrough being duely summoned to appear to take the office upon him and haveing notice of his due Election (as by Oath appeareth) yett in contempt thereof did not appear whereupon this Court upon mature deliberation doe impose upon him the summe of fourty pounds as a fyne or penalty.

Whereas att a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents holden for the Burrough aforesaid Robert Nesse of the same towne, salter, was duely elected and chosen one of the Assistents of the said Burrough, of which due election and choyce the said Robert Nesse had notice (as by Oath appeareth) Neverthelesse refuseth to take upon him the Burthen and Execution of the office of an Assistent of the B[urrough] aforesaid Whereupon the said Court of Maior, [Aldermen and] Assistents upon mature deliberation have taxed and imposed upon him the summe of fourty pounds for such his Refusall, These are therefore in His Maiestye's name to command you that upon sight hereof you demand of the said Robert Nesse the said fourty pounds (and upon Refusall to pay) that then of the goods and chattells of the said Robert Nesse you levye or cause to be levied the said summe of fourty pounds soe taxed and imposed as aforesaid (returning the overplus unto the said Robert Nesse if any be) And if there be not goods and chattells whereof you may levye the said fourty pounds That then you take the body of him the said Robert Nesse and him convey to the Common Gaole of the Burrough aforesaid there to remaine until he pay the said summe of fourty pounds And how you execute this our precept you ma[ke] appeare att the next Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents to be holden for the Burrough aforesaid. Hereof fayle you nott att your perill Given under our hands and the Common Seale of this Burrough this xxvi<sup>th</sup> day of March in the fourteenth yeare of the Reigne of King Charles the Second 1662.

This Court haveing received great testimony and satisfaction of the abilitye and fittnesse of Thomas Gorst in the performance of the Art, Trade or Mistery of a Cooke doe think fitt and soe Order that the said Thomas Gorst from henceforth is and shall be and for to be hereafter reputed and taken to be the sole and onely Cooke to the now present or hereafter Maior and Aldermen of the said Burrough and that he shall from tyme to tyme upon any publique occation dresse or order to be dressed the severall dishes appoynted for any such meeting or solempnity and if any person of the same trade doe at any time hereafter come within the said Burrough to reside th[ere] with intent and purpose to excercise and use the said Art or trade . . . . the said Thomas Gorst is ordered to make complaint thereof to the then present Maior or some other of His Maiestye's Justices of the Peace of the said Burrough to the end the Offender or Offenders in such cases may be proceeded against according to Law.

Whereas at an assembly of Aldermen and others within the said Borrough for the better Releife and support of the Poore and that they may be sett on worke as the Law appoynts It was agreed that the Burrough should be divided into six Wards and that there should be Wardens and others as Assistants in each respective Ward which agreement at a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the Burrough aforesaid the twenty fourth day of March in the fourteenth yeare of the Reigne of King Charles the Second was Ratifyed and Confirmed to all intents and purposes now for the better execution of the said Order and Agreement each particular poore person are hereby required to be and remaine in their respective dwelling houses or places on Friday the fourth day of Aprill now next coming to the end a veiw may be had and taken of them by the Wardens of each respective Ward and that such relief may be contributed unto them as their present necessitye's doe require and the Law in such cases doth provide and allow.

**Ad Cur.** Maioris, Aldermanos & Assistents tent. p. Burgo pred. nono die May Aº Regni Rs. Car. Sedi decimo quarto.

Ad hanc Cur. compabant Thomas Danby Ar., Maior, Johes. Hopton Ar., Beniaman Wade, Willm. Marshall Sen., Johes. Dawson, Henricus Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduc. Hicke, Edwardus Atkinson, Chris. Watkinson, Godfridus Lawson, Richus. Atkinson, Willm. Curtis, Johes. Barker, Johe. Killingbeck, Johes. Sympson, Willm. Milner, Georgius Marshall, Johem. Hodgson, Willm. Fenton, Willm. Busfield, Henric. Walker, Jacobus Netherwood, Lancelot Iveson, Adam Hargrave, Guilmii Foster, et Carolum Holdsworth.

Ad hanc Cur. etiam Gilbtus Coop, Willus. Hutchinson, Samuel Child, Henricus Rhoades, Richus. Midgley, & Henricus Mitchell, defalt fecer.

Et jusux ad hanc Cur. Henric. Skelton debita legis forma prestitit Allegianc principat sacra et postea sacrm. ad officii justiciar ad pacem infra Burgus pred. exequend.

Whereas the Serieant att Mace by vertue of a precept to him directed did levye of the goods and chattells of Robert Nesse of Leeds, gent., fourty pounds, which summe was imposed and taxed upon him for his refusall to take upon him the burthen and office of an Assistant or Common Councell man within the said Burrough as by the Returne of the Serieant att Mace, relation being thereunto had, appeareth; Now this Court upon the submission of the said Robert Nesse to such his election and upon the acceptance of the said office upon him doe Order that the goods so taken as aforesaid (upon the payment of tenne pounds of lawfull English money) and other charges expended about the levyeing and apprisement unto Henry Conyers, the Serieant att Mace, shall be restored unto the said Mr. Nesse and for the Serieant att Mace his soe doing this Order shall be his sufficient Warrant.

Ad hanc Cur. silit Robtus. Nesse gen., debita Legis forma prestitit allegianc & principat sacra & postea sacrm. Assistent vel Comes Conciliarii Burgus pred.

To the Sieant att Mace

Whereas att a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents holden for the Burrough aforesaid Thomas Hardwicke of Potternewton Esq. was duely elected and chosen one of the Assistents of the said Burrough of which due election and choyse the said Thomas Hardwicke had notice as by oath appeareth Neverthelesse refuseth to take upon him the burthen and execution of the office of an Assistent of the Burrough aforesaid Whereupon the said Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistents upon mature deliberation have taxed and imposed upon him the summe of fifty pounds for such his refusall These are therefore in His Maiestye's name to command you that upon sight hereof you demand of the said Thomas Hardwick the said fifty pounds (and upon refusall to pay) that then of the goods and chattells of the said Thomas Hardwick you levye or cause to be levyed the said summe of fifty pounds soe taxed and imposed as aforesaid (returning the Overplus unto the said Thomas Hardwicke if any be) And if there be noe goods and chattells whereof you may levye the said fifty pounds That then you take the body of him the said Thomas Hardwicke and him convey to the Common Gaole of the Burrough aforesaid there to remaine untill he pay the said summe of fifty pounds And how you Execute this our precept you make appeare at the next Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents to be holden for the Burrough aforesaid. Hereof fayle you not att yor perill.

Given under our hands etc.

Whereas this Court for the better Observation of the Sabbath day and for the prevention of all profanation thereof did heretofore order that all and every the Constables and theire Deputyes and the Churchwardens within the said Burrough should on every second Monday after publication of that Order make theire personall appearance att the Common Hall to th'end the said Court might receive information in that behalfe and the Offenders to have their due punishment by the Lawes in such cases appoynted yett find the same (in some sort) Ineffectuall to those godly ends and purposes to which it was designed for that many Masters of family and Parents of children doe give Libtye to theire servants and others to profane the Sabbath by theire open playing in the streets, sitting in publique places in great companyes to the great dishonour of God in poynte of Divine Worshippe

in scandall to Christian proffession and to the bad Example of the younger sort in poynte of Education Now this Court taking into consideration the Evill consequences that must natureally follow from such premisses and endeavouring (as much as in them lyes) to prevent the same doe Order and Injoyne every Master of Familyes & Parents of Children to take notice of the Reasons Assigned in this Order and to prohibit theire servants and others from such Irreverent and Unbecoming demeanor of that day, and further doe hereby significe that whosoever shall be found Remisse or disobedient to this Order will be adjudged and taken to be persons of ill behaviour and will be strictly proceeded against as such Offendors and as the Law in such cases doth appoynt.

Cur. Maioris, Ald. & Assistent tent. p. Burgo pred. decimo tertio die Septembris Anno Regni Regis Caroli Sedi decimo quarto.

Ad hanc Cur. compabant Edus. Atkinson, Ar., Maior deputat., Wills. Marshall gen., Henrus. Skelton, Marmaducus Hick, Godfridus Lawson, Ricus. Armitage, Ar., et Will. Curtis, Gilbtus. Cowper, Johes. Barker, Johes. Killingbeck, Johes. Sympson, Wills. Milner, Wills. Fenton, Henr. Walker, Jacobus Netherwood, Henr. Roades, Lancelotus Iveson, Adamus Hargrave, Wills. Foster, Carolus Holdsworth & Robtus. Nesse, gen., et ceteri defalt. fer.

To th'end the body pollitick may be compleat and the p'sons appoynted members thereof may be fitted for the executing of such Authoritys as the King, by his Patent, hath graciously conveyed, it is ordered by the Court that the S'ieant att Mace doe duely somon George Marshall gent. that he be and p'sonally appeare att a Court of Maior, Aldermen & Comon Councell to be Holden for the sayd Burrough on Munday the nyne & twentieth instant to show cause (if any he have) why he ought not to take upon him the office of Comon Councell man or Assistent according to the appoyntmt in and by his Ma<sup>tles</sup> Patent.

At this Court Michael Hutchinson gen. was duely elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistent of the sayd Burrough in the place of Brian Kitchingman, whereupon it is ordered that the S'ieant att Mace doe give him notice of such his election & also duely sumon him to be and p'sonally appeare att the Court of Maior, Aldermen & Comon Councell to be holden for the sayd Burrough on Munday the nyne and twentieth instant by nyne of the Clock in the aforenoone to the end hee may take upon him the office aforesaid.

Whereas the house comonly used and called the Backhouse is very ruinous and much demolished, the repacon [reparation] whereof calls for a considerable sume of money, this Court well weighing the reason assigned the accidentall mischiefe that may happen by reason of the scituacon (if used as a Comon Backhouse) doe unanimously consent and soe order that the sayd Backhouse shalbe sett to sale bona fide & for a valueable consideration soe as in the deed or lease thereof soe to be made there be alwayes excepted and reserved unto this Corporacon all the soake and suit thereunto belonging And for the better executing of this Order Edward Atkinson Esq., Deputy Maior (taking to himselfe twoe of the Aldermen att least), is hereby impowred to treat with any p'son touching the sale thereof who are desired to certifie the Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents of their p'ceedeings herein.

Whereas the Corporacon of this Burrough are much indebted by the gaineing and purchaseing of their Patents and the Immunityes and privileges thereby granted To th'end the same may be duely satisfied and payed and that a competent Stock of money may be raised for the preserving and p'tecting of the said Libtys and priviledges It is ordered that from and after the sitting downe of this Court All and ev'y p'son and p'sons that shalbe Elected and chosen to the Office of Assistent or Common Councellman of the sayd body politick hee or they soe Elected & chosen shall pay unto the Sieant att Mace to the uses and purposes aforesaid the sume of sixe pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence And it is further ordered that if att any tyme hereafter any Assistent or Common Councellman of the said body be called from that office to execute the office of one of the Aldermen & Justice of peace within the said Burrough that then the p'son or p'sons so elected and chosen shall alsoe pay unto the S'ieant att Mace other sixe pounds thirteen shillings and foure pence to the uses and purposes aforesaid which sayd sumes upon non-payment are to be levied by such meanes and in such manner as His Maties Royall Charter in cases of the like nature doth provide & appoynt.

Forasmuch as the powers and authorityes to this Corporacon granted by His Ma<sup>ties</sup> L'res Patent may often become ineffectuall occasioned by the voluntarie absence of many of the members thereof: and for that the p'sons soe offending are not under any pecuniary penalty or punishment by reason of which the said offence is the more frequently comitted for remedy whereof It is ordered by the Court that if any person (being a member of this Corporacon) shalbe absent att any Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents to beholden for the said Burrough (without cause reasonable) and haveing due notice of such Court that then the p'son soe offending (if calld to the office of Alderman & Justice of peace) shall pay unto the S'ieant at Mace tenn shillings & if an Assistent or Common Councellman then the sume of five shillings to be disposed of as the Court shall thinke meete; which sume or sumes so forfeited hee or they soe offending shall first pay before hee or they are admitted to sitt in Councell touching the affaires of the said Burrough.

Cur. Maior, Aldermano. & Assistent tent. p. Burgo pred. vicessimo nono die Septembris Anno Regni Regis Caroli Sed. decimo quarto.

Ad hanc Cur. compabant Edrus. Atkinson Ar., Maior. deputat., Wills. Marshall, Johes. Dawson, Henr. Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaducus Hick & Godfridus Lawson, Ar., Wills. Curtis, Gilbtus. Cowper, Johes. Barker, Johes. Killingbeck, Wills. Milner, Wills. Hutchinson, Johes. Hodgshon, Wills. Fenton, Henr. Roodes, Jacobus Netherwood, Henricus Walker, Samuel Child, Johes. Sympson, Wills. Foster, Lancelotus Iveson, Robtus. Nesse, gen., & ceteri defalt. fer.

Att this Court Michael Hutchinson th'elder in due forme of Law did take the oaths of Alleigeance & Supremacy and afterwards the oath well & truly to execute the office of one of the Assistents of the sayd Burrough.

Att this Court John Dawson gen., one of the Aldermen of the sayd Burrough, was in due forme of Law elected & chosen Maior of the Burrough aforesayd for the yeare ensueing.

Att this Court Richard Fallowfeild gent, was in due forme of Law elected and chosen one of the Assistents of the sayd Burrough.

Bee it rememberd that upon Satterday being the fourth day of October in the fourteenth yeare of the Raigne of King Charles the Second, John Dawson Esq., one of the Aldermen of the sayd Burrough, did in due forme of Law first take the oaths of Alleigeance & Supremacy & then the oath of Maior & Justice of peace of the sayd Burrough before Edward Atkinson Esq., Deputy Maior, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson & Richard Armitage, Esqs., Aldermen of the sayd Burrough, Willm. Curtis, John Sympson, Willm. Milner, Willm. Fenton, Willm. Foster & Charles Holdsworth, gen., sixe of the Comon Councell or Assistents of the sayd Burrough being then present.

Cur. Maior, Alder. & Assistent tent. p. Burgo pred. viii die Novembros. Anno regni Regis Caroli Sedi decimo quarto.

Ad hanc Curiam compabant Johes. Dawson Ar., Maior, Henr. Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaducus Hick, Edward Atkinson, Godfridus Lawson, Ricus. Armitage, Ar., Wills. Curtis, Gilbtus. Cowp., Johes. Sympson, Willm. Milner, Willm. Hutchinson, Johes. Hodgshon, Wills. Fenton, Henry Walker, Samuel Child, Jacobus Netherwood, Hen. Roodes, Lancelottus Iveson, Adam Hargraves, Willm. Foster, Carolus Holdsworth, Michael Hutchinson: ceteri de F.... p. defcu. compencid pcantii.

Att this Court Richard Fallowfeild gent, did in due forme of Law first take the oathes of Alleigeance & Supremacy & afterwards the oath well and truly to execute the office of one of the Assistants of this Burrough.

Att this Court James Pinckney th'elder was in due forme of Law elected and chosen one of the Assistents of the sayd Burrough who upon notice of his Elecon did (sedente Curia) first take the oathes of Alleigeance & Supremacy and afterwards the oath well and truly to execute the office of one of the Assistents of the said Burrough.

Whereas by an Order of this Court heretofore made for the reasons therein assigned It was ordered that the house comonly used and called the Backhouse should be sett to sale bona fide & for a valueable consideracon And for the better executing thereof Edward Atkinson Esq., the Deputy Maior (taking to himselfe some other of the Alder.), was Impowred to sett the same to sale In observance whereof the sayd Mr. Atkinson hath reported thus to the Court that he hath treated with Willm. Milner gen. touching the sale thereof, who is willing to give for the same the sume of sixtie pounds, which sum this Court upon mature deliberacon hath adiudged to be a valuable consideracon And doe thereupon order that the same shalbe conveyed unto the sayd Mr. Milner by such assurance as by Councell learned shalbe advised, with Covents agt. all Incumbrances had or made by any member of this Court & alsoe agt. all arrearages of Rent or Rents hereafter growing due to any p'son whatsoever by pretense of any grant from the Crowne or otherwise.

Whereas Henry Conyers, Serieant att Mace, hath att this Court voluntarily surrendred upp his Interest & authority for Colleccon of Toll within the sayd Burrough Nevtheles there remayneing sevrall sumes in his handes unaccounted for To the end the same may be really p'fected & the p'sons that succede him in the Colleccon thereof not

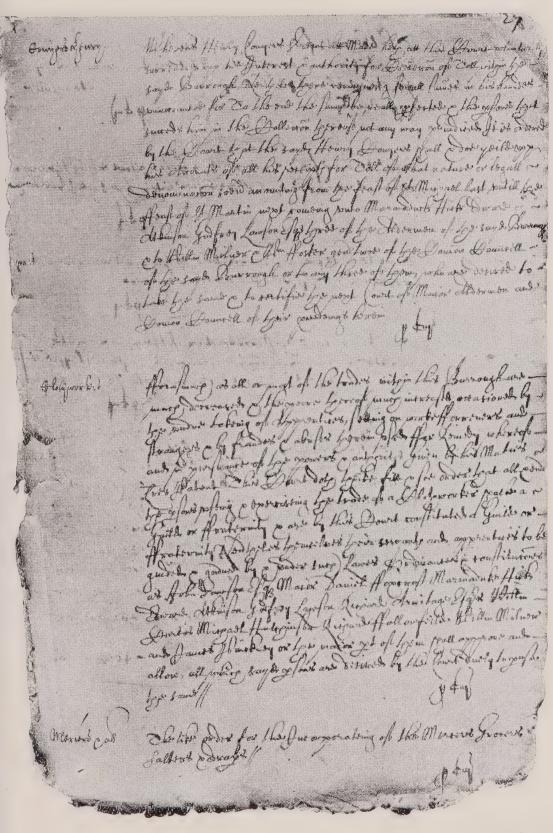


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any way preiudiced It is ordered by the Court that the sayd Henry Conyers shall and doe yeild upp his Accounts of all his receipts for Toll of what nature of legall denominacon soev [soever] accounting from the feast of St. Michael last untill the Feast of St. Martin next comeing unto Marmaduke Hick, Edward Atkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Esqs., three of the Aldermen of the sayd Burrough, & to Willm. Milner & Wm. Foster, gen., two of the Comon Councell of the sayd Burrough, or to any three of them who are desired to take the same & to certifie the next Court of Maior, Aldermen and Comon Councell of their p'ceedings herein.

Forasmuch as all or most of the trades within this Burrough are much decreased & the poore thereof much increased occasioned by the under takeing of Apprentices, setting on worke Forreners and strangers & by fraudes & abuses therein used For remedy whereof and in pursuance of the powers & authority Given by his Maties Lres. Patent This Court doth thinke fitt & soe order that all & evy. the p'sons useing & exerciseing the trade of a Clothworker shalbe a Guild or Fraternity & are by this Court constituted a Guild or Fraternity Nevtheles themselves, their servants and apprentices to be guided & govned by and under such Lawes, Ordinances & consitucons as John Dawson Esq., Maior, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Edward Atkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, Esqs., Willm. Curtis, Michael Hutchinson, Richard Fallowfeild, Willm. Milner and James Pinckney or the maior pt. of them shall approve and allow, all which sayd p'sons are desired by the Court duely to p'use the same.

The like order for the Incorporating of the Mercers, Grocers, Salters & Drapers.

The like order for the Incorporating of the p'sons useing the respective manuall occupacons of Milnewright, Carpenters, Joyners, Plaisterers, Cowpers, Bricklayers & [space] into a Guild or fraternity.

The like order for the Incorporating of the p'sons useing the mistery or manual occupacon of a Cordweyner within the sayd Burrough.

The like order for the Incorporating of the p'sons useing the mistery or trade of a Taylor within the sayd Burrough.

The like order for the Incorporating of the p'sons useing the respective manual occupacons of Ironmongers, Smyths, Glaysiers, Cutlers, Pewtherers within the sayd Burrough.

The account of Marmaduke Hick, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, of the sume of Fourty poundes, pte. of the Hundred and fifty poundes borrowed of Mr. [? Hawkins] which was disbursed as followeth: (to wit)

bursed as followeth: (to wit)	£	s.	d.
Paid Mr. Hardwick in full of all	33	06	08
paid Mr. Holden his fee for drawing a bill		00	00
payd Mr. Peables which was oweing him		00	00
payd Mr. Weston for p'useing the patten¹		00	00
payd Mr. Grime for sollicytting the Lord		00	00
of the Manner busines			
payd in charges about Mr. Hardwick's business		00	00
In all	<sup>2</sup> 40	00	00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>? Perusing the Patent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The actual total is, of course, £39 6s. 8d. Presumably an omission of 13s. 4d. in the last entry.

#### 1663

Cur. Maior, Aldermanii & Assistent tent. p. Burgo pred. vicessimo primo die Januarii Anno regni Caroli Sdi. decimo quarto.

Ad hanc Cur. compabant Johes. Dawson, Maior, Daniel Foxcroft, Edrus. Atkinson, Cristoferus Watkinson, Godfridus Lauson, Ricus. Armitage, Ar., Wills. Curtis, Gilbtus. Cowp., Mich. Hutchinson, Johes. Killingbeck, Wills. Hutchinson, John Sympson, Wills. Fenton, Jacobus Netherwood, Henr. Roades, Adamus Hargrave, Wills. Foster, Carolus Holdsworth, Robtus. Nesse & Jacobus Pinckney, Lanc. Iveson Et ceteri defaltam fer.

Ordered by the Court: that each p'son makeing defalt of their app'ance at this Court shall pay their respective penaltyes as the same is appoynted and sett downe by an Order of this Court made the thirteenth day of September in the year abovesayd: wupon defalt or refusall of paymt. upon demand that then prosses be awarded for the levying thereof upon the goods & chattells of each p'son refuseing, returneing the overplus if any be.

Whereas this Court heretofore hath demised and to Farme letten unto Robte. Hurst of Leeds, the elder, all the Toll due and payable within the Burrough for a certaine terme & under a certaine rent: in the due colleccon whereof sundry suites & controv'sies are likely to arise (many p'sons p'tending themselves discharged from the paymt. thereof by reason of some Ancient tenures or other grant) the premisses considered this Court upon mature delibacon doe thinke fitt & soe order that the sayd Robte. Hurst during his terme shall not comence or defend any suit for, touching, or concerneing the sayd toll without the lycence & consent of the Maior for the tyme being and twoe of the Aldermen first had & obtayned in writeing under their handes.

Cur. Maior, Aldermano. & Assistent tent. p. Burgo pred. vicessimo tertio die Septembris Anno regni regis Caroli Sedi decimo quinto.

Ad hanc Cur. compabant Johes. Dawson, Maior, Wills. Marshall. Henr. Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Edrus. Atkinson, Godfridus Lawson, Ricus. Armitage Ar., Wills. Curtis, Michael Hutchinson, Johes. Killingbeck, Wills. Milner, Wills. Fenton, Jacobus Netherwood, Henricus Roades, Lancelotus Iveson, Adam Hargrave, Wills. Foster, Carolus Holdsworth, Ricus. Fallowfield et Johes. Sympson et ceteri defalt. fer &c.

Att this Court Beniamyn Wade, Willm. Marshall, Henry Skelton & Daniel Foxcroft, foure of the Alder. of the sayd Burrough, were appointed as p'sons fittly qualified, out of which a Maior is to be in due forme of Law elected & chosen according to the direccon of the King's Lres. Patente in that behalfe made.

Att this Court Beniamyn Wade, Willm. Marshall, Henry Skelton & Daniel Foxcroft being appointed as p'sons fittly qualified, out of which a Maior may be duely chosen: according to comon usage and ancient p'ceedings in that behalfe the same were reduced to Beniamyn Wade & Daniel Foxcroft, out of which a Maior is to be chosen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> *I.e.* 13th September, 1662.

Att this Court Samuel Sykes gent. was in due forme of Law elected and chosen one of the Assistents or Comon Councell of the sayd Burrough in the place & steade of Henry Mitchell gent., decd. Whereupon it is ordered that the S'ieant att Mace doe give notice unto the sayd Mr. Sykes of such his Elleccon and also that hee somon him to appeare att the next Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistent to beholden on Tuesday the nyne & twentieth day of September instant, then & there in due forme of Law to take upon him the office of Comon Councell man or Assistent.

Att this Court Nathaniel Spencer gent. was in due forme of Law elected & chosen one of the Assistents or Comon Councell of the sayd Burrough in the place & steade of Henry Walker gent., decd. Whereupon it is ordered that the S'ieant att Mace doe give notice unto the sayd Mr. Spencer of such his Eleccon and also that hee somon him to appeare att the next Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents to beholden on Tuesday the nyne and twentieth day of September instant, then & there in due forme of Law to take upon him the office of Comon Councell man or Assistent.

Cur. Maioris, Aldermanos & Assistent tent. p. Burgo pred. vicessimo nono die Septembris Anno regni Regis Caroli Sedi decimo quinto.

Ad hanc. Curiam compabant Johes. Dawson, Maior, Beniamyn Waide, Wills. Marshall, Daniel Foxcroft, Henr. Skelton, Marm. Hick, Edrus. Atkinson, Godfridus Lawson, & Ricus. Armitage, Ar., Wills. Curtis, Gilbtus. Cowper, Michael Hutchinson, Johes. Barker, Johes. Killingbeck, Johes. Sympson, Wills. Milner, Wills. Hutchinson, Wills. Fenton, Wills. Busfeild, Samuel Child, Jacobus Netherwood, Henricus Roades, Lancelotus Iveson, Wills. Foster, Carolus Holdsworth, Robtus. Nesse, Ricus. Fallowfeild, Jacobus Pinckney, Samuel Sykes & Nathaniel Spencer et ceteri defalt. fer &c.

Att this Court Samuel Sykes gent. did in due forme of Law take the oathes of Alleigeance & Supremacy & then the oath well & truly to execute the office of an Assistent or Comon Councell man of this Burrough.

Att this Court Nathaniel Spencer gent. did in due forme of Law take the oathes of Alleigeance & Supremacy & then the o[ath] well & truly to execute the office of an Assistent or Comon Councell man of this Burrough.

Att this Court Beniamyn Wade Esq. (one of the Aldermen of this Burrough) was in due forme of Law elected Maior for the yeare ensueing Whereupon it is ordered that the S'ieant att Mace doe give notice unto the sayd Mr. Wade of such his Eleccon & that hee is to appeare within Seaven dayes to take his oath well & truly to execute the office of Maior according to such his Eleccon & according to the direccon of the King's Letters Patente in that behalfe.

Bee it Remembred that the third day of October in the Fifteenth yeare of the raigne of King Charles the Second Beniamyn Wade Esq., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, did in due forme of Law take the oathes of Alleigeance & Supremacy & then the oath well & truly to execute the office of Maior & Justice of Peace within this Burrough for the yeare ensueing before John Dawson Esq., Maior, in the presence of Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, & Richard Armitage, foure of the Alder. of this Burrough.

#### 1664

Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the sayd Burrough this sixth day of July in the sixteenth yeare of the raigne of King Charles the second.

Att this Court did appeare Beniamyn Wade, Maior, Henry Skelton, John Dawson, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Richard Armitage, Aldermen: Willm. Curtis, Gilbt. Cowp., John Killingbeck, Jo. Sympson, Willm. Milner, Michael Hutchinson, Willm. Hutchinson, Willm. Fenton, Willm. Busfeild, James Netherwood, Henry Roades, Adam Hargrave, Willm. Foster, Charles Holdsworth, James Pinckney, Nathaniel Spencer, gent., Assistents: the rest though duly somoned made default.

Att this Court it was ordered that the Overseers of the poore in the yeare one thousand sixe hundrede sixtie twoe & [ev' sinc]e untill this tyme shall make & yeild upp a true account of all such moneys as hath beene by them respectively receaved, which sayd account they are to make att or before the foure & twentieth day of September next in manner following to witt for Leeds town, George Bairstow gent. & Tho. Walker, Marchant: for Leedes Kirkegate, James Ibbitson: for Leedes Mayneridd [Mainriding] Tho. Foster: for the towne within the pyh [parish] of Leedes, Edward England, Josias Brooke, gent., who are desired to take the respective accounts accordingly.

The like order by the Court that the Overseers of the highwayes for the three yeares last past shall make & yeild upp their respective accounts in manner following to witt the Overseers for Leeds towne to make their accounts unto John Rosse, Willm. Whitley & Robte. Hickson: for Leedes Kirkegate, Tho. Wettenhall & Joseph Ibbitson: North pte. of Leedes Mayneridd [Mainriding], Michael Hutchinson, Leonard Smalpage: East pte. of Leedes Mayneridd, Willm. Curtis, Gilbt. Cowp., Willm. Ingram: for the south pte. of Leedes Mayneridd, Henry Roundell, Robte. Nesse, who are desired to take the respective accounts accordingly.

It is ordered by the Court that the Maior for the tyme being doe, within one monthes tyme, returne his Eleccon to this Court whether hee will receave the Eightie pounds reserved and payable yearlie for the Toll & thereout pay all manner of charges that shalbe expended & layd out touching the managemt. & defence of any suit or accon [action] wherein the Corporacon is concerned & alsoe discharge the Recorders Fees or otherwise will receave the sum of twenty pounds only for & towards his owne expenses.

Cur. Maior, Aldermanos & Assistent p. Burgo pred. tent. decimo nono die August anno Regni regis Car. Sedi decimo sexto.

Ad hanc Cur. compabant Benia. Wade, Maior, Johe. Dawson, Marma. Hick, Hrus. Atkinson, Godfridus Lawson, Ricus. Armitage, Alder., Willus. Curtis, Mich. Hutchinson, Johe. Sympson, Willus. Milner, Gilbtus. Coop., Wille. Busfeild, Willus. Fenton, Lance Iveson, Jac. Netherwood, Addam Hargrave, Willus. Foster, Jacbs. Pinckney, Samuell Sykes, gen., Assistents: ceteri defalt. fer.

It was ordered by the Court that Christopher Watkinson, Henry Skelton & Daniel Foxcroft, gent., being Alder. within the sayd Burrough,

should shew cause at the next Court to be holden for the sayd Burrough why they ought not to pay the respective sumes of ten shillings for theire defalt of appearance at this Court and also that John Killingbeck & Henry Rodes, being twoe of the Comon Counsell within the sayd Burrough, should at the same time shew cause why they ought not to pay the sev'all sumes of five shillings sp'eid [specified] for such their defalt of appearance.

For the legall Justification & support of the power & authorityes to this Corporacon graciously granted & conveyed by Ma<sup>tles</sup> L'res [Letters] Patent in that behalfe It is ordered by the Court that Counsell learned in the Lawes be retayned to appearance pleade at the Castle of York on Wednsday the seaventh day of September next in mitigacon of danger to beginen upon a writt of Inquiry then to be executed betweene Hardwick Esq. and Conyers and that Marma. Hick, one of the Aldermen, John Sympson, one of the Assistants & Samuell Brogdon, towne Clark, doe upon the same day attend the Execucon of the sayd writt & for the discharge of such costs as shall be expended in that behalfe It is further ordered by the Court that Robert Hurst gent., farmour of the Toll, shall upon sight hereof pay unto the sayd Mr. Hick the some of Fouty shillings, which sume is to be allowed him upon payment of his Rent.

Att this Court George Loftus of Osmondthorpe gent. was in due forme of Law Elected & Chosen one of the Assistants of the saide Burrough Whereupon it is ordered that the Serieant att Mace doe give notice unto the saide George Loftus of such his Eleccon And also that he legally somon him to bee & appeare at the next Court to be holden for the sayd Burrough on Wednesday the one & twentieth day of September next, then & there to take upon him his Office according to such his eleccon.

Att this Court It was ordered that Edward Atkinson, gent., one of the Aldermen of the said Burrough, doe attend Ser Willm. Wilde Bnt., Serieant att Law: & Advise with him touching the speciall plea in the Cause wherein Hardwick is ptt agt. Conyers: & what is by him expended in that behalfe is to be reimbursed unto him by the Farmer of the Toll.

Cur. Maioris, Aldermanos & Assistent tent. p. Burgo pred. vicessimo primo die Septembris anno regni dnis. Caroli Sedi nunc Regis Angl. &c. decimo sexto.

Att this Court did appeare Beniamyn Wade, Maior, Daniel Foxcroft, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Edward Atkinson, Richard Armitage, Alder. || Willm. Curtis, Gilbte, Cooper, John Killingbeck, John Sympson, Willm. Milner, Michael Hutchinson, Willm. Fenton, Lancelott Iveson, James Netherwood, Adam Hargrave, Charles Holdsworth, Robte. Nesse, Willm. Foster, Henry Roades, James Pinckney, Samuel Child & George Loftus, Assistents:

Att this Court George Loftus did in due forme of Law take the oaths of Alleigeance & Supremacy & then the oath of a Burgesse or Assistent of the sayd Burrough.

Att this Court Willm. Marshall & Henry Skelton, twoe of the Aldermen of the sayd Burrough, were appoynted by the Court and thought

fitt p'sons out of which a Maior for the sayd Burrough may bee elected & chosen upon the twenty nynth day of September instant (comonly called the Feast of St. Michael) according to the dereccon of the patent in that behalfe.

Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents holden for the sayde Burrough the nyne & twentieth day of September in the sixteenth yeare of the Reigne of King Charles the Seccond, before Beniamyn Wade, Maior, Daniell Foxcroft, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Edward Atkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, Esqs., Aldermen: Willm. Curtis, Gilbt. Cooper, John Killingbeck, John Simpson, Willm. Milner, Michaell Hutchinson, Willm. Busfeild, Willm. Fenton, John Hodgson, James Netherwood, Willm. Hutchinson, Willm. Foster, Charles Holdsworth, Henry Roades, James Pinckney, Samuell Child, Samuel Sykes, Nathaniel Spencer, and George Loftus, gent., Assistents of the sayd Burrough.

Thomas Hardwick of Potternewton Esq<sup>er</sup> was by vertute of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Letters Pattents in that behalfe made (in due forme of Law) Elected & Chosen an assistent or Comon Burgesse of the Burrough aforesaide. Whereupon it is ordered that the S<sup>er</sup>ieant att Mace doe forthwith give notice unto the sayde Mr. Hardwick of such his Eleccon And alsoe that he doe appeare att the next Court of the Maior, Aldermen & Assistents to be holden for the saide Burrough, then & there to take upon him the office of an Assistent accordinge to such his eleccon & the direction of the sayde Letters Pattente.

#### 29th September 1664.

Att this Court Henry Skelton, one of the Aldermen, was in due form of Law Elected & Chosen Maior of the sayde Burrough of which his electon he being then pesent in Court did take notice thereof.

Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden the Seaventeenth day of October in the sixteenth yeare of the raigne of King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Henry Skelton, Maior, Willm. Marshall, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduck Hick, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Alder. Willm. Curtis, Gilbte. Cowp., John Killingbeck, John Sympson, Willm. Milner, Michael Hutchinson, Willm. Busfeild, James Netherwood, Adam Hargrave, Willm. Foster, Robte. Nesse, Henry Roades, James Pinckney, Samuel Child, Samuel Sykes, Nathaniel Spencer, Geo. Loftus: the rest made default.

Att this Court it was ordered that one hundred and Fiftie pounds bee taken upp att interest, which money is to bee Imployed for the benefitt of the Corporacon, & Henry Skelton, Maior, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduck Hick & Edward Atkinson, three of the Aldermen, doe give their security for the true payment of the sayd sume with interest: and for their Indemnietie & saveing harmeles in this behalf It is farther ordered that the bayliwick of this Burrough bee conveyed unto them & their heires.

Att this Court it is ordered that the pesent Maior, Marmaduke Hick, Daniel Foxcroft & Michael Hutchinson, gent., or any three of them, doe treat & arbitrate with Thomas Hardwick Esq. touching the endeing & determineing the suit & controversie depending between him & Henry Conyers, Serieant att Mace.

#### 1665

Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden the xxj<sup>th</sup> day of January in the sixteenth yeare of the raigne of King Charles the Second.

Att this Court Cristopher Pawson 1 gent. was in due forme of Law elected & chosen one of the Assistents or Comon Councell of this Burrough and the Serieant att Mace is hereupon ordered to give notice unto the sayd Mr. Pawson of such his eleccon and that hee appeare att the next Court to beholden for this Corporacon, then & there to take upon him his office accordingly.

Att this Court William Pickering<sup>2</sup> gent. was in like manner elected an Assistent, whereupon it is ordered as above.

Att this Court Edward Caddy gent. was in like manner elected an Assistent, whereupon it is ordered as above.

Upon ending & determining of all Suits & controv'sies had, moved, or depending between Thomas Hardwick Esq. & Henry Conyers & others & upon the allowance of twenty pounds by the sayd Mr. Hardwick to this Corporaçon made It is agreed & soe ordered that the sayd Mr. Hardwick dureing the terme of his life shall not bee elected, called or chosen unto the estate, degree or place of an Assistent or Comon Councell man or Alderman nor returned upon any Jury or Inquest within the sayd Burrough.

Att this Court it did appeare that Lancelot Iveson gent., one of the Assistents of this Burrough, had really expended & layd out in charges towards gaining his Maties. Lres. Patents Eighteen pounds sixe shillings & Eight pence, which hee prayed might bee reimbursed him, which this Court holds reasonable & doe accordingly order that the same bee paid out of such sumes of money as shall growe due & payable by any p'son or p'sons that hereafter shalbe elected as members of the sayd Corporacon.

Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden for this Burrough the sixth day of February in the Seaventeenth yeare of the raigne of King Charles the Second.

Att this Court Willm. Pickering, Christopher Pawson & Edward Caddy, gent., did in due forme of Law sev'ally take the oathes of Alleigeance & Supremacy & then the oath well and truely to execute the offices of Assistents within this Burrough.

Att this Court It is ordered that the said Willm. Pickering, Crist. Pawson & Edward Caddy, gent., doe upon demand pay unto Crist. Watkinson, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, the sume of six pounds thirteen shillings & foure pence a peece, according to an order of this Court in this behalfe heretofore made.

- Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the sd. Burrough the third day of July in the xvii<sup>th</sup> year of the raigne of King Charles the Second.
- <sup>1</sup> Of Kirkgate. Born 1630; died 12 Nov. 1694.
- <sup>2</sup> Of Cross Flatts, merchant. Born at Swillington 1638; died 18 May 1687.

Att this Court did appeare Henry Skelton Ar., Maior, Wm. Marshall Ar., Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Godfr. Lawson, Richard Armitage, Esquiers, Wm. Curtis gen., Gilbert Cowp. gen., John Simpson, Wm. Milner, Michael Hutchinson, gen., Wm. Fenton, James Netherwood gen., Wm. Foster gen., Henry Roades, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Nathaniel Spencer, Edward Caddie: and the rest made defalt.

Att this Court it is ordered that John Hodgson & Samuel Child, gent. (two of the Assistants of this Burrough), doe upon demand pay unto the Serieant att Mace the respective sumes of Six pounds, thirteen shillings and fourepence according to the purport of an order of this Court heretofore made, & upon their refusall it is further ordered that the Serieant att Mace doe somon them to appeare att the next Court to be holden for this Burrough, there to show cause why they ought not to be ousted for such their refusall of payment & contempt of this Court.

To th'end this Corporacon may be discharged of certaine debts Contracted by the gaineing of the Kings Letter Patents & otherwise it is ordered by the Court that one Hundred & Fifty pounds be borrowed & taken up at Comon Interest and that Michael Hutchinson gent., W<sup>m</sup> Milner gent., Robert Nesse gent., & Wm. Fenton gent. (foure of the Comon Councell of the sayd Corporacon) doe enter bond for the payment thereof, & for their Indemnity & security agt. the sd. bond & the penalty thereof, the Bayliwick of this Burrough is to be secured & conveyed to them & their heirs & to Henry Skelton, Maior, & others & their heirs according to the purport of an Order made at a Court holden for the said Corporacon the Seaventeenth day of October in the Sixteenth yeare of the raigne of King Charles the Second And it is further ordered that Samuell Brogden, Clarke of this Burrough, doe & shall enter bond wth suffitiant suretyes with condicon to pay Interest becomeing due for the s'd Hundred & Fifty pounds soe long & for such tyme as the sd. Corporacon shall continue the same, which sayd sume of on Hundred & Fifty pounds soe to be borrowed and raysed as aforesayd be & is to be payd to Thomas Scudamoore gent. in full of the Hundred & fifty pounds due & payable to him by the sayd Corporacon.

Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents holden for the Corporacon of Leeds this twenty-first day of September in the Seaventeenth yeare of the Raigne of King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Henry Skelton, Maior, Beniamin Wade Esqr., Daniel Foxcroft Esqr., Marm. Hicke Esqr., Edward Atkinson Esqr., Richard Armitage Esqr., William Curtis gent., Gilbert Cowper gent., John Sympson gent., Michael Hutchinson gent., Willam Fenton gent., Lancelot Iveson gent., James Netherwood, Willam Hutchinson, Willam Foster gent., Henry Roades, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, George Loftus, Samuel Sykes & Samuell Child: the rest made default.

Att this Court Daniel Foxcroft & Marm. Hicke, two of the Aldermen of this Burrough, were appoynted as persons fitly quallifyed, one of whome to be elected to the office of Maior of this Burrough for the

yeare ensueing, which Election is to be made according to the directions of the King's Letters Patents upon the Twenty-ninth day of September instant, comonly called Michaelmas day.

At this Court it was ordered that Samuel Child, one of the Assistents, doe pay Six pounds Thirteen shillings and foure pence at or before the Twenty-ninth day of September instant, els of his owne consent to be ousted from the office of Assistent or Comon Councell man of this Burrough.

At a Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the sayd Burrough on Fryday the nyne & twentyeth day of September in the Seaventeenth yeare of the raigne of King Charles the Second.

At this Court did Appeare Henry Skelton, Maior, Benia: Wade Esqr., Willm. Marshall Esqr., Marm. Hicke Esqr., Edward Atkinson Esqr., Christ. Watkinson Esqr., Willm. Curtis gen., Gilbert Cowper gent., John Sympson gent., Willam Milner gent., Michael Hutchinson gent., Willam Busfeild gent., Willm. Fenton gent., James Netherwood, William Hutchinson, Willm. Foster gent., Henry Roades, James Pinckney, Nathaniel Spencer, Willm. Pickering, Christ. Pawson, Edward Caddie: the rest made default.

At this Court Daniel Foxcroft Esqr., one of the Aldermen of the sayd Burrough, was in due forme of Lawe & according to the directors of The King's Lres. Patents in that behalfe elected & chosen Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing, of which elector the Serieant at Mace is ordered & appoynted to give notice unto the sayd Mr. Foxcroft to th'end hee may take upon him the due Execucon of the sayd office.

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At a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the sayd Burrough on Fryday the Twenty-first day of September in the Eighteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Daniel Foxcroft Esqr., Maior, John Dawson, Edward Atkinson & Richard Armitage, Esqr., Willam Curtis, John Sympson, Willam Milner, Michael Hutchinson, Willm. Fenton, James Netherwood, Adam Hargraves, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, George Loftus, Samuell Sykes, Samuel Child, Nathaniell Spencer, Willam Pickering, Cristofer Pawson and Edward Caddy: the rest made default.

At this Court Willam Marshall and Marmaduke Hicke, twoe of the Aldermen of this Burrough, were Appoynted as persons fitly quallifyed, one of which to be elected to the office of Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing, which Eleccon is to be made according to the directon of the Kinge's Letters Patents upon the Twentyninth of this Instant September comonly called Michaellmas day.

Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the Corporacon of Leedes upon Satturday the Twenty-ninth day of September in the Eighteenth yeare of the Raigne of King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Daniell Foxcroft, Maior, Beniamin Wade, John Dawson, Henry Skelton, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Richard Armitage, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Willam Curtis, Gilbert Cowper, John Sympson, Willam Milner, Michael Hutchinson, Willam Busfeild, Willam Fenton, Lancelot Iveson, James Netherwood, James Pinckny, George Loftus, Samuel Sykes, Nathaniell Spencer, Willam Pickering and Edward Caddy, gent.: the rest made default.

At this Court Marmaduke Hick Esq<sup>r</sup>, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Lawe (and according to the Authorytyes given in this behalfe by his Mat<sup>ies</sup> Lres. Patents) elected well and faythfully to execute the office of Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the Sergeant at Mace doe forthwith give noetice to the Sd. Mr. Hicke of such his electon to th'end he may duely take the oathes truly to execute the sayd office, & in case of absence that then this order be left at his dwelling house with one of his knowne Servants to the intent the same may be delivered to him to the purpose aforesd.

At this Court it is ordered that Samuel Child, one of the Assistants of this Burrough, be ousted from the office of Assistant according to an order made at a Court holden for this Corporacon the Twenty-first day of September in the Seaventeenth yeare of the raigne of King Charles the Second.

At a Court of Mayor, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the Burrough aforesayd the Sixth day of October in the Eighteenth yeare of the Raygne of our Soveraygne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court Marmaduke Hicke, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, did in due forme of Lawe take the oathes of Alleagiance & Supremicy and then the oath well & truly to execute the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing, before Daniell Foxcroft, Maior, Willam Marshall, John Dawson, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson and Richard Armitage, Five of the Aldermen of the sayd Burrough and Fifteene of the Comon Counsell then present.

At a Court of Maio<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the Burrough aforesaid the Seaventeenth day of December in the Eighteenth yeare of the Raigne of King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Marmaduke Hick Esq<sup>re</sup>, Maio<sup>r</sup>, Willam Marshall Esq<sup>r</sup>, John Dawson Esq<sup>r</sup>, Daniell Foxcroft Esq<sup>r</sup>, Edward Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>, Cristofer Watkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>, Godfrey Lawson Esq<sup>r</sup>, Richard Armitage Esq<sup>r</sup>, Willam Curtis, Gilbert Cowper, John Simpson, Willam Busfeild, Willam Fenton, Lancelot Iveson, Robert Nesse, Michael Hutchinson, James Pinckney, Samuell Sykes, Nathaniell Spencer, George Lofthouse, Cristofer Pawson, Edward Caddy: the rest made default.

At this Court Thomas Martin, Thomas Dixon, Ralph Spencer and Joseph Ibbitson, gent., were duly elected and chosen foure of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough in the places and Stead of Willam Foster, John Hodgson, Henry Roades and Samuell

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Of Little Woodhouse: born Feb. 1655, died 11 August 1711.

Child, gent. Whereupon it is ordered by this Court that the present Sergeant at Mace for this Burrough shall forthwith give notice to the Sd. Mr. Martin, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Spencer & Mr. Ibbitson of such their Elleccons And alsoe that he sumon them to appeare at the next Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants of the sayd Burrough to be holden on Satturday the Twenty-second of this Instant December at the Comon Hall of the sayd Burrough, then & there (in due forme of Lawe) to take upon them the office of Comon Councell men or Assistants And alsoe that he give noetice to the sayd Mr. Martin, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Ibbitson that each of them bring along with him to the Sd. place the sume of Six pounds thirteen shillings and fourepence, the same to be disposed of according to an ordinance in that behalfe.

**The Court** of Maio<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the Burrough aforesd. the twenty-second day of December in the Eighteenth yeare of the Raigne of King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Marmaduke Hick Esq<sup>r</sup>, Maior, Willam Marshall Esq<sup>r</sup>, Willam Curtis, Gilbert Cowper, John Simpson, Willam Milner, Willam Busfeild, Willam Fenton, Lancelot Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, Michael Hutchinson, James Pinckney, Cristofer Pawson, Willam Pickering and Edward Caddy, gent.: the rest made default.

At this Court it is ordered that Thomas Martin, Thomas Dixon and Joseph Ibbitson, gent., being three of the Comon Councell of this Burrough, doe each of them upon demand pay unto the present Sergeant of this Burrough the severall sumes of Six pounds thirteen shillings and fourepence apeece according to an order of this Court in this behalfe heretofore made.

Whereas by the wickedness of an Intestin warr sundry deeds, Evidences and other Escripte (boeth of publiqe and pious use and Interrest) are dispersed and kept secret in private hands and possessions, by reason whereof the intents and good purposes of the respective donors are wholy disapointed and the pious uses thereby arriseing altogeather misimployed contrary to the wholsome & charitable Lawes and Statuts in that behalfe made For Remedy whereof It is ordered by this Court that all and every person or persons of what State, Quality or Condicon soever he or they be within the Sd. Burrough that have any deeds or writeings in his hands, custody, possession or knowledge that doe anyway touch or concerne any publiqe or pious use or gift, that he or they doe within tenn dayes after publicacon hereof bring and deliver upp the same unto the present Maior of this Burrough, to th'end a formall Alphebet or Table may be hereof mad & the Sd. deeds or writeings safely keept & secured in such publique cheste or truncke & under such Locke & Keyes as the Maior, Aldermen and Reverend Viccar for the time being shall thinke meete & conveniant, and it is moreover declared by this Court that if any p'son or p'sons after the time aforesd. shall keepe & detaine any of the sd. deeds or writeings wth intent to conceale the same, that then such speedy course be taken against him or them as his Maties Courts of Equity have appoynted & p'vided for Releife in cases of this nature.

At this Court it is ordered that each Freeholder within this Burrough

doe pay unto such person or persons as shalbe appointed by the Maior and Aldermen of this Burrough yearely the sume of Twelfe pence apeece, the which is to be imployed for their discharge from serveing upon Jurryes at the Assizes held for the County of Yorke, the same to be accounted for when thereunto Lawfully required.

At this Court Thomas Dixon gent. did in due forme of Lawe take the oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy and the oath of Assistant or Comon Councell man of this Burrough according to the ordinance in that behalfe.

The like for Thomas Martin gent. The like for Joseph Ibitson gent.

### 1667

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for this Burrough the first day of Aprill in the nineteenth yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Marmaduke Hicke, Maior, Willam Marshall, John Dawson, Daniell Foxcroft, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson and Richard Armitage, Esqres., Willam Curtis, John Simpson, Willam Milner, Willam Busfeild, Willam Hutchinson, Willam Fenton, Lancelot Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, Michael Hutchinson, James Pinckney, Samuel Sykes, Nathaniel Spencer, Cristofer Pawson, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Thomas Dixon and Joseph Ibbitson, gent.: the rest made default.

This Court, haveing due respect to the Lawes & Canons of holy Church made for the reparacon and keeping in good repaire the Leades and windowes of perysh Churches and Chappells and that the same may be put into execucon, doe appoint and soe order that the present Viccar, with the Maior, Alderman Foxcroft, Alder. Watkinson, James Pinckney, James Netherwood and Thomas Dixon, gent., Three of the Comon Councell, or the major pte of them, togeather with twoe of the Churchwardens, doe treate with the Plumbers and Glaisyers toucheing the reperacon and Kepeing in repaire of the Leades and Windowes in the perysh Church of Leedes under a Certaine yearly stipend & alloweance to be therefore made, which said Agreement thereupon to be had and made is to be and Continue by the space of seaven yeares then next, the said Plumbers and Glasiers entereing into security with sufficient suertyes for the due p'formance of the worke. And of there p'ceedings herein the persons above named are to reterne the same at the next Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants to be holden for this Burrough to th'end the same may be there entered upon the Recordes of this Court.

At this Court Ralfe Spencer gent. did in due forme of Lawe take the oath of Allegiance and Supremacy and then the oath of Assistant or Comon Councellman of this Burrough according to the ordinance in that behalfe.

At a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Asstants, holden for the said Burrough the Sixth day of September in the nineteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Marmaduke Hick, Maior, Willam Marshall,

John Dawson, Henry Skelton, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Willam Curtris, John Simpson, Willam Busfeild, Willm. Hutchinson, Willam Fenton, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, James Pinckney, George Loftus, Cristofer Pawson, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Thomas Dixon, Joseph Ibbitson and Ralfe Spencer, gen.: the rest made defaulte.

It being Certified to this Court by the present major of this Burrough and the rest of the persons in a former order of this Court mentoned made at a Court holden for the said Corporacon the first of Aprill in the nineteenth yeare of the Raigne of King Charles the Second that in pursuance of the Said order they have agreed with Willam Powell of Leedes; Plumber, and Robert Gray of the same, Glasier, that he the said Willam Powell, for and in Consideracon of the sume of Seaventeen poundes of currant money of England to be yearely and every yeare to him paid by the Churchwardens of Leeds Towne dureing the tearme of seaven yeares next comeing (the first payment to be made in the weeke before Easter next), shall well and sufficiently amend and repaire and keepe in good and sufficiant repaire the Leades belonging to the perish Church of Leeds, and at the end of the said tearme shall leave the same in the like good and sufficient repaire, and to that purpose the said Willam Powell shall enter into bound with sufficient suerties for his well and true performance of all and every thing on his behalfe to be performed.

The like order for Robert Gray, and he to have the sume of foure pounds yearely and to repaire and keepe in repaire the Windowes belonging to the perish Church of Leedes, and to that purpose to enter into bond as aforesaid.

At this Court Willam Curtice gen., one of the Assistants or Comon Councellman of this Burrough, was in due forme of Lawe Elected Alderman of the said Burrough according to the powers given by his Maties. Les. Patents in that behalfe.

**The Court** of Maio<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the Twenty-first day of September in the nineteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Marmaduke Hicke, Maio<sup>r</sup>, Beniam[in] Wade, John Dawson, Henry Skelton, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Richard Armitage, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Willam Curtis, John Simpson, Willam Busfeild, Willam Hutchinson, Willam Fenton, Lancelot Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Samuel Sykes, Nathaniel Spencer, George Lofthouse, Cristofer Pawson, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Thomas Dixon, Joseph Ibbitson and Ralph Spencer, gent.: the rest made default.

Upon the Consideracon of one hundred and thirty poundes and under the yearly rent of fifty pounds per Annm. to be paid at twoe severall Feasts (to witt) the Annuncacon of the blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michaell the Arch Angell It is ordered that the Bailiwicke be demised from the Maio<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen and Comon Councell unto Robert Hurst th'elder for the tearme of seaven yeares to Comence at Michaelmas next, and for the perfecting thereof the present Maior, Henry Skelton and Richard Armitage, two of the Aldermen, Thomas Dixon, William Busfeild, Nathan[iel] Spencer and Samuell Sykes, gent., or any five of them, are appointed to meete on Fryday next by one of the Clocke in the afternoone at the house of the said Robert H[urst], there to receave the said hundred and thirty [pounds] and to take [? sufficient surety] for the .....

At this Court Thomas Dixon gent., one of the Assistants or Comon Councellmen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Lawe elected one of the Aldermen of this Burrough according to the powers given by his Maties. Lres. patents in that behalfe, who being p'sent tooke notice of such his elecon.

<sup>1</sup>At this Court John Thoresby gent, was in due forme of Lawe elected and Chosen one of the Assistants or Comon Councell man of this Burrough And the Sergeant at Mace is hereupon ordered to give noetice to the said Mr. Thoresby of such his eleccon and that he appeare at the next Court to be holden for the Corporacon on Munday the Thirtieth of September Instant, there to take upon him the said office.

At this Court Edward Atkinson and Cristofer Watkinson, twoe of the Aldermen of this Burrough, were persons nominated by the Court to be elected to the office of Maio<sup>r</sup> of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing at a Court to be holden for this Burrough on Munday the Thirtieth of September instant.

Upon the Consideracon of fourty pounds to be paid by Marmaduke Hicke and Edward Atkinson, twoe of the Aldermen of this Burrough, It is agreed by the Court that the soake and suite belonging to the Comon Bakehouse bee conveyed by good and sufficient Assurance to them and their Heires.

At this Court Willam Curtis gent., being duely sumoned to take upon him the office of one of the Aldermen of this Burrough according to Eleccon in that behalfe, did refuse to accept thereof or execute the same Whereupon and upon promise of being benificall to the Corporacon at the time of his death by his Liberall gift the sume of tenn pounds was Assessed and Imposed upon him as a fine for such his refusall, which said sume by the appointmt. of this Court is to be paid unto Lancelot Iveson gent. in full of the money by him expended and laid out on behalfe of the Corporacon.

Be it remembered that Upon the Twenty-seaventh day of September instant Thomas Dixon gent., who was formerly elected and chosen to the office of Aldermen of this Burrough, did in due forme of Lawe first take the oath of Allegiance and Supremacy and then the oath well & truely to execute the office of Alderman & Justice of peace within the said Burrough before Marmaduke Hicke, Maior, Henry Skelton and Edward Atkinson, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, two of his Maties. Justices of the peace, and Willam Busfeild, Samuell Sykes and Nathaniell Spencer, three of Comon Councell of the said Burrough, according to the powers given by his Maties. Lres. patents in that behalfe.

At a Court of Maio<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen and Assistants holden for this Burrough the thirtyeth day of September in the nineteenth yeare of the Raigne of King Charles the Second.

<sup>1</sup> Wardell gives this date, 21 Sept. 1667, as the date of John Thoresby's election, but see pages 26 and 27.

At this Court did appeare Marm. Hicke, Maior, Willm. Marshall, John Dawson, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, Thomas Dixon, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Willam Curtis, Gilbt. Cowper, John Simpson, Willam Milner, Willm. Busfeild, Willm. Fenton, Lancelot Iveson, James Netherwood, Robt. Nesse, James Pinckney, Nathaniell Spencer, Edward Caddy & Thomas Martin: the rest made default.

Upon the refusall of Robert Hurst to enter into bond wh. sufficient suertyes for the payment of the yearely rent referred & payable for the Bailiwicke and Toll within the Burrough of Leedes, It is ordered that the said Bailiwicke with the fee and profits thereunto belonging be demised unto John Brooke for the terme of seaven yeares to comence at the Feast of St. Michael last past under the Consideracon of the sume of One hundred & thirty pounds by him as a fine paid and under the yearly rent of fifty pounds per Annum payable at the Feast of the Annuncacon of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Arch Angel even and equal porcons, He the sd. John Brooke & Nathaniel Spencer, gent., or any other sufficient person in the roume & place of the said Nathaniel Spencer, entering into bond for the true payment of the rent at the daies & times when the same ought to be paid And to that end it is referred to Richard Armitage Esqr, John Simpson, James Pinckney, Willam Fenton & Samuel Brogden, gent., or any three of them, to meete at the house of the said John Brooke on Fryday next by one of the Clocke in the afternoone, there to take security for the sd. yearly Rent and alsoe for the sd. sume of one hundred & thirty pounds.

At this Court Edward Atkinson, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Lawe Elected Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensuing, who being present in Court tooke notice of such his Election.

At this Court Charles Man gent, was in due forme of Lawe elected and Chosen Assistant or Comon Councellman of this Burrough And the Sergeant at Mace is hereupon ordered to give notice to the said Mr. Man of such his election and that he appears at the next Court to be holden for the said Corporacon, there to take upon him the said office.

Upon the refusall of Certaine by Lawes for the Company of Taylors and Drawers within the Burrough of Leedes It was referred by the Court unto Thomas Dixon Esq<sup>r</sup>, Lancelot Iveson, Willam Milner and Edward Caddy, gent., or any three of them, to Consider of the same and of there proceedings herein to make reterne at the next Court of Maio<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants to be holden for this Burrough.

Bee it Remembered that the Eleaventh day of November in the nyneteenth yeare of the raigne of King Charles the Second Charles Mann gent. did in due forme of Law take the oathes of Alleigeance & Supremacy and afterwards the oath of one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough before Edward Atkinson, maior, Willm. Marshall, Marmaduke Hick, Cristofer Watkinson & Godfrey Lawson, foure of the Alderm.

Upon mature delibacon had by this Court It is ordered that all fines or Sumes of money that hereafter shall growe due & paiable by reason

of the Elleccon of any person to the office of an Assistant, and from thence to the office of Alderman and Justice of the peace within the sd. Burrough, shallbe paid to the Maior and soe to each succeeding Maior dureing the space of seaven yeares next Comeing & noe longer to their respective uses & behoofes.

At a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for this Burrough the Foureteenth day of Decemb. in the nineteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Edward Atkinson, major, Beniamin Wade, Willm. Marshall, John Dawson, James Foxcroft, Marmad. Hicke, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Rich. Armitage and Thomas Dixon, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Willam Curtis, John Simpson, Willam Fenton, Lancelot Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, James Pinckney, Nathaniell Spencer, Cristofer Pawson, Willm. Pickering, Edward Caddy, Thom. Martin, Ralph Spencer & Charles Mann, gent.: the rest made default.

Upon heareing what could be alledged touching the Elleccon of John Thoresby gent. to the office of one of the Assistants of this Corporacon and upon consideracon had of the Acte of Parliament entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons, It is ordered by the Court that if the said John Thoresby doe receave the Sacrement according to the Rites of the Church of England, abiure [abjure] the oath called the Solemne League & Covenant, subscribe the declaracon in the said Act menconed, take the severall oathes of alleigeance and supremacy and the oath for the due execucon of the office of an Assistant, that then such his Eleccon to be good & effectuall to all Intents & purposes, otherwise the same to be nul and void as though the same had never been made.

Whereas the Lady Danby,¹ late wife of Thomas Danby Esq., decd. (a member of this Corporacon), as a signall testimony of her undoubted respecte, hath given a Scarlett Gowne to be worne by the present & succeeding Maiors of this Burrough, This Court doeth with all thankfullnes receave the same, and as an Exprecon of their gratefull exceptance the present & succeding Maiors of the Burrough will weare the same upon such dayes and Fe.... [? Festivals] as shalbe thought meete.

Whereas John Hopton Esqr., one of the Aldermen and Justice of the peace within the said Burrough, hath longe since removed his habitacon and aboade to places w'thoute and farr remote from the Sd. Burrough, by reason whereof he hath rendred himselfe altogeather unserviceable in the due execucon of the said offices, whereupon this doeth Adiudge the same to be cause reasonable for his the said Mr. Hopton's ousteing and removeall from the said offices and places to all intents, construccons and purposes, unlesse he the said Mr. Hopton at the next Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants to be holden for the said Burrough on Munday the xx<sup>th</sup> day of January next show some good cause to the contrary.

Att a Court of Maior & Aldermen holden the Eight and twentieth day of December in the nyneteenth yeare of the raigne of King Charles the Second.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dau. of Col. Wm. Eure, second son of Lord William Eure. Died 23 June, 1688.

Att this Court did appeare Edward Atkinson, Maior, Benia. Wade, John Dawson, Daniel Foxcroft, Godfrey Lawson, Rich. Armitage & Tho: Dixon, Esqrs.: the rest made default.

Att this Court John Brooke of Leedes was in due forme of Law elected to the office of the Serieant att Mace within the sayd Burrough to continue and exercise the same (quam diu se bene gesserit).<sup>1</sup>

John Brooke, being elected to the office of Serieant att Mace within the sayd Burrough, did accordeing to the directons of the Act of Parliament (Entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons) take the oath in the sayd Act named and publiquie subscribe the declaracon in these words (to witt)

I, John Brooke, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon me, or any other p'son, from the oath comonly called the Solemne League and Covenant, and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull oath and Imposed upon the subjects of this Realme against the Knowne Lawes & Libtyes of this Kingedome.

And afterwards the Sev'all oathes of Alleigeance & Supremacy and then the oath well & truely to execute the office of Serieant att Mace within the sayd Burrough.

#### 1668

Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the sayd Burrough on the Twentieth day of January in the nine-teenth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Edward Atkinson, Maior, John Dawson, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmad. Hick, Cristo. Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Rich. Armitage, Thomas Dixon, Esqrs., Willm. Curtis, Gilbt. Cowper, John Simpson, Willm. Busfeild, Willm. Hutchinson, Willm. Fenton, Lancelot Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, Ro: Nesse, James Pinckney, Samuel Sikes, Nathaniel Spencer, Geo. Loftus, Cristo. Pawson, Willm. Pickering, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin and Joseph Ibbitson: the rest made default.

At this Court George Jackson gent. was in due forme of Law elected and Chozen Assistant or Comon Councell man of this Burrough And the Sergeant at Mace is hereupon ordered to give noetice to the said Mr. Jackson of such his electon & that he appeare at the next Court to be holden for the said Corporacon, there to take upon him the sd. office.

At this Court Willm. Hutchinson gent., one of the Comon Councell men of this Burrough, was in due forme of Lawe elected one of the Aldermen of this Burrough according to the powers given by his Mat<sup>les</sup> lres. patents in that behalfe, who being p'sent in Court tooke noetice of such his eleccon.

Upon the refusall of John Thoresby gent. to take the oathes & to subscribe the Declaracon in the Act of Parliament mentened (Entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacon) It is ordered & soe adiudged that his Eleccon to the office of Assistant or one of the Comon Councell is *ipso facto* voyd as though the same had never beene made.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Wardell gives 20th December for Brooke's election to office,

Upon the testimony of Jeremiah Langley to this Court given that hee did duely serve John Hopton Esq., one of the Aldermen & Justices of peace within the sayd Burrough, with an order of this Court by deliv'ring a coppy of the sayd order unto the sayd Mr. Hopton, the purport of which sayd order (for the reasons therein assigned) was for the ousteing and removall of the sayd Mr. Hopton from the Office of Alderman & Justice of peace unles hee shewed cause unto this Court this present day to the contrary. Nev'theles the sayd Mr. Hopton made default or obstinatly refused to shew any reasonable cause: whereupon this Court doth ratifie and confirme the order made att a Court of Maior, Alder. and Assistants holden the Fourteenth day of December last which was for the removall of the sayd Mr. Hopton from the sayd office & place, and he is hereby ousted and removed accordingly.

Att this Court it is ordered that the Ordinances & Bylawes made for the Company of Taylors and Drawers bee Exemplified and Ingrossed as the same are agreed upon by Tho: Dixon Esq., Willm. Milner & Edward Caddy, gent.

At this Court It is ordered and soe Appoynted that Thomas Dixon Esqr., Willam Hutchinson Esqr., Robert Nesse gent., and Willam Fenton gent., should become bound unto Thomas Scudamoore gent. in one Bond of the penall sume of three Hundred poundes, Condiconed for the true payment of One Hundred and Fifty poundes at a day yet to come, and for their Indempnity and saveing harmeles in that behalf the Bailiwicke of the sayd Corporacon, with all the Rightes, profitts and emoluements thereby ariseing, groweing due and payable Should be granted and conveyed to them by such conveyances as they the said Thomas Dixon, Willm. Hutchinson, Robert Nesse and Willam Fenton, their Heires or Assignes or their Councell Learned in the Lawes should bee reasonably desired, Advised or Required.

Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for this Burrough the fifteenth of May in the twentyeth yeare of the Raigne of King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Edward Atkinson, Maior, Beniamyn Wayd, Willam Marshall, John Dawson, Henry Skelton, Daniell Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Cristofer Watkinson, Thomas Dixon and Willam Hutchinson, Esqs., Willam Curtis, John Simpson, Willam Busfeild, Willam Fenton, Lancelot Iveson, James Netherwood, James Pinckney, Cristopher Pawson, Thomas Martin, Joseph Ibbitson.

Be it remembred that upon the Sixth day of July in the yeare abovesaid Martin Headley gent. did in Due forme of Law take the severall oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy and then the oath of Assistant or Comon Councellman of this Burrough before Edward Atkinson, Maior, Thomas Dixon Esq., Willam Hutchinson Esq., according to the powers to them given by his Maties. Lres. patents in that behalfe.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the sayd Burrough the one and Twentyeth day of September in the Twentyeth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Edward Atkinson, Maior, Beniamyn Wade,

John Dawson, Henry Skelton, Daniell Foxcroft, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, Thomas Dixon, Willam Hutchinson, Esqrs., Willam Curtis, William Fenton, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, James Pinckney, Willam Pickering, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Joseph Ibbitson, Ralph Spencer, Charles Mann, George Jackson, Martin Headley, gent.: the rest made default.

At this Court Cristofer Watkinson and Godfrey Lawson, twoe of the Aldermen of this Burrough, were persons nominated by the Court, one of which to be Elected to the office of Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing at a Court to be holden for this Burrough on Tuesday the Twenty-ninth of September instant.

At a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the Burrough of Leedes the Twenty-ninth day of September in the Twentyeth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Edward Atkinson, Maior, Willm. Marshall, John Dawson, Daniell Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, Thomas Dixon, Willam Hutchinson, Esqrs., Willm. Curtis, Gilbt. Cowper, John Simpson, Willam Milner, Willm. Busfeild, Willam Fenton, Lancelot Iveson, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, Samuel Sykes, Nathaniel Spencer, George Loftus, Cristofer Pawson, Edward Caddy, Charles Mann and Martin Headley, gent.: the rest made default.

At this Court Cristofer Watkinson Esqr., One of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law Elected Maior of the sayd Burrough for the yeare ensueing, Whoe being present in Court tooke noetice of such his Electon and Assented thereunto.

#### 1669

The Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the said Burrough the twelfth day of March in the one and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of or Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Christofer Watkinson, Maior, Henry Skelton, Daniell Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Willam Hutchinson, Esqrs., Willam Fenton, James Netherwood, James Pinckney, Samuell Sikes, Willam Pickering, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Joseph Ibbitson, Ralph Spencer, George Jackson and Martin Headley, gent.: the rest made default.

Whereas at a Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants Holden for the sayd Burrough the twoe and Twentieth day of December in the Eighteenth yeare of the Raigne of King Charles the Second for the due Imployment of the issues, Rents and profitts of Certaine Landes given to pious uses, and to th'end the Interest and title thereof may be Clearly Evinced and preserved, a Certaine order was made which followeth in these words: "Whereas by the wickednes of an Intestin warr Sundry Deedes, evidences and other Escripts (both of publique and pious use & Interest) are dispersed and kept secrett in privatt handes and possessions, by Reason whereof the intents and good purposes of the Respective Donors are wholly disapoynted and the

pious uses thereby arriseing Altogeather misimployed Contrary to the wholsome and Charitable Lawes and Statutes in that behalfe made, for Remedy whereof It is ordered by this Court that all and every person or persons of what State, qualitie or Condicon soever he or they be within the Said Burrough that have any deedes or writeings in his handes, Custodie, possession or knowledge that doe any way touch or concerne any publique or pious use or gift that he or they doe within tenn dayes after publicacon hereof bring and deliver up the Same unto the present Major of this Burrough to th'end a formall Alphabett or table may bee thereof made And the sayd Deedes or writeings safelie kepte and secured in such publique chests or Trunkes and under such Lockes and Keyes as the Maior, Aldermen, and Reverent Viccar for the time beinge shall thinke meete and conveniente, and it is moreover declared by this Court that if any person after the time aforesaid shall keepe and detaine any of the said Deedes or writings with intent to Conceale the same that then such speedie Course is to be taken agt. him or them as his Maties. Courts of Equitie have appoynted and provided for Releife in cases of this nature." Nevertheles the said order by the wilfull neglect & obstinacy of certaine persons that have Severall writeings in their Custodie and possession became in effect fruitles and Ineffectuall, Now to th'end the good purposes thereof may not be prevented nor the Charitable uses in a[ny] respect prejudiced nor misimployed, Daniell Foxcroft Esqr., Mar[maduke] Hicke Esq., William Curtis, John Simpson, William Fenton, Robert Nesse and Martin Headley, gent., or any three of them are hereby authorized and appoynted to putt the said order in Execucon and to Receave all, every and any Evidences, Escripts and writeings as touch or concerne any publique or pious use and to make one or more Receipts to the person or persons bringing in the same and of their p'ceedings herein to make a Retorne at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the Sd. Burrough.

Whereas a certaine complaint is Exhibited and vehemently p'secuted touching certaine Judgements given upon sev'rall Informacons Relateing to the duty of Excise and the p'secutors hereof doe give out in Speeches that they will cause his Maties. Letters patents for the Incorporateing of the said Burrough to bee made nul and voyde Now for the mainetaineing and support of the iust rights and privileges of the said Burrough and the members thereof It is ordered by the Court that 50£ of Lawfull English Money be forthwith taken upp att interest by some of the Aldermen of this Burrough and that the Balywicke with all its rights and Advantages bee by good and sufficient assureance conveyed unto the partyes soe bounde or raiseing the money and their heires for their Indempnity and safeing harmeles Against the said bond and the penalty thereof.

Att this Court it is ordered that the present Maior, Thomas Dixon Esq. and Willm. Hutchinson Esq., twoe of the Aldermen, Samuel Sykes and Nathaniell Spencer gent., twoe of the Comon Councell, doe treate with Marmaduke Hick Esq. & Edward Atkinson Esq., twoe of the Alderman, toucheing the sale of the Backhouse with its rights & priviledges & of their p'ceedings herein to report the same at the next Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents to beholden for the sayd Burrough.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants Holden for the sayd Burrough the one and twentieth day of September in the one and Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Kinge Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Cristofer Watkinson, Maior, Henry Skelton, Daniell Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Esqrs., William Curtis, John Simpson, William Milner, William Busfeild, William Fenton, Lancleto Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Samuell Sykes, George Lofthouse, Cristofer Pawson, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Joseph Ibbetson, Charles Mann, George Jackson, Martin Headley, gents: the rest made default.

Whereas a certaine deede or writeing was heretofore made and lawfully executed Unto Henry Arthington Esq., John Stanhope Esq., and others as feoffees in trust for the late Corporacon of Leedes of the Bayliwick and of the weigh of wooll and Tallow and other Emoluments and p'fitts within the mannor of Leedes And alsoe whereas his Matie by his Lrs. patents hath incorporated the Inhabitants within the Towne and parish of Leedes to be governed by one Maior, twelve Aldermen and foure & Twenty Assistants, In respect whereof and by vertue of the Statute made for Transfering uses into possession the Bayliwicke with the weigh of wooll and Tallow & all Evidences and writeings that touch or concerne the same is legally vested in the said bodie politicke, Now this Court doe acknowledge to have had and Received the said in parte Recited deed from the handes of Paull Thoresby gent., and doe p'mise to Indempnifie and Save him harmeles against all and every p'son or p'sons that shall hereafter sue, Impleade or otherwise molest him the Said Paull Thoresby for, Touching or concerneing the Said Deede made in trust as aforesaid.

Whereas Anciently there was a certaine Comon Bakhouse within the Mannor of Leedes (belonging to the Crowne) To which all the Inhabitants within the Said Mannor were Legallie bound to performe their Soake and to bake all their bread there that should bee Expended and used in their Respective houses, which Sayd Bakehouse (Amongst other things) were duely conveyed unto this Corporacon under certaine yearlie Fee farme rent reserved to his Matie and in p'sesse of time (in Respect of its Situacon) and in Regard of the many and vast buildings Lately erected and neare Adioyning became very dangerous for dreade of any Suddann and accidentall fire; for which cause the same was demolished with intent to Rebuild the same in a more Convenient place, both for the Ease of the Sutors and alsoe for the Safety of the Towne: Now to th'end the said Bakehouse may bee soe Rebuilded, the p'fitts and advantages thereof preserved, and this Corporacon thereby the better Enabled to pay his Ma<sup>tie</sup> the Fee farme rent for the same, Thomas Dixon & William Hutchinson, two of the Aldermen, Willm. Fenton, James Netherwood, Robt. Nesse and Samuell Sykes, four of the Comon Councell, or the Major pte. of them, are appointed by the Court to Consider and advise touching the rebuilding thereof, and alsoe the gaineing of the Soake and suit due to the same and what other Method or way may bee fitly prescribed for the raiseing of a Competent revenue unto this Corporacon to be yearelie issueing forth

of the Bakehouses now allowed (in Case the said Comon Bakhouse bee not rebuilded) and of their p'ceedings herein to returne the same att the first Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to be holden for this Burrough after Michaelmas day next.

In pursuance of an Order made at a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden the Twelveth day of March last, certaine Evidences and writeinges of publique and pious uses are collected and called in, and for their Safe Custody and preservacon are putt into certaine Chests in the Vestry, Now to th'end the same may bee soe Kept and preserved and alsoe all p'sons that shall have occasion to Evidence or defend their iust rights and priviledges to any Landes or other the Immunityes thereby granted may Resort to the same It is ordered that the Custody of the Keyes of the Said Chests shalbe and remaine as followeth (to witt) one key in the handes of the Maior for the time being, an other in the handes of the Viccar of the parish Church of Leeds for the tyme being, and a third in the handes of the Eldest assistant of this Corporacon and soe Successively.

In the due execucon of an order of this Court heretofore made for the maintenance and Support of the rights & privileges of this Corporacon It doth appeare that the present Maior and Alderman Lawson have Expended and Layd out great sumes of money, which Sumes this Court doth declare to bee a just expense, And that the Same ought to bee allowed and Reimbursed unto them by this Corporation.

Att this Court John Metcalfe and Godfrey Lawson, twoe of the Aldermen of this Burrough, were persons nominated by the Court, one of which to be Elected to the office of Maior of this Burrough for the yeare Ensueing Att a Court to beholden for this Burrough on Wednesday the Twenty ninth of September Instant.

Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen and assistants Holden for the Said Burrough the Twenty ninth day of September in the one and Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Kinge Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Cristofer Watkinson, Maior, Beniamyn Waide, Henry Skelton, Daniell Foxcroft, Edward Atkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, William Hutchinson, William Curtis, John Simpson, William Milner, William Fenton, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Samuell Sykes, Nathaniell Spencer, George Lofthouse, Christofer Pawson, William Pickering, Edward Caddy and Thomas Martin, Gents.: the Rest made default.

Att this Court Godfrey Lawson Esqr., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law Elected Maior of the Said Burrough for the yeare Ensueing, Who beinge present in Court tooke noetice of Such his Electon And assented thereunto.

Bee It remembered that the Eight day of October in the one and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the second Godfrey Lawson Esq., one of the Aldermen of the sayd Burrough, take the Sev'all oathes of Alleigeance and Supremacy and then the oath well & truely to execute the office of Maior of the sayd Burrough before Cristofer Watkinson, Maior, Beniamyn Wade, Henry Skelton & others, Aldermen & Assistants of the sayd Burrough.

Att a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants Holden for the said Burrough the Tenth day of November in the one and Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Kinge Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Godfrey Lawson, Major, Benjamin Waide, William Marshall, Henry Skelton, Marmaduck Hicke, Cristofer Watkinson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Esqrs., William Curtis, John Sympson, William Busfeild, Wm. Fenton, Lancelto Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Pinckeney, James Netherwood, Samuell Sykes, Geoge Loftus, William Pickering, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Joseph Ibbitson, Ralph Spencer, George Jackson: the rest made default.

At this Court William Busfeild gent., one of the Comon Councel men of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law elected one of the Aldermen of this Burrough according to the powers given by his Ma<sup>ties</sup> lers. patents in that behalfe, who being present in Court tooke noetice of such his election.

Att a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants Holden for the said Burrough on Munday the Thirteenth day of December in the one and Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lorde Kinge Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Godfrey Lawson, Major, Beiamyn Wade, William Marshall, Henry Skelton, Marmaduck Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Richard Armitage, Thomas Dixon and William Hutchinson, Esqrs., Wm. Curtis, John Simpson, Wm. Busfeild, Wm. Fenton, Lanc. Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, James Pinckney, Sam. Sykes, Nath. Spencer, George Loftus, Crist. Pawson, Wm. Pickering, Edward Caddy, Thos. Martin, Jos. Ibbitson, Ra. Spencer and Charles Mann, gents.: the rest made default.

At this Court Willm. Busfeild, one of the Comon Councell men or assistant within the said Burrough, accordinge to the directons of the Act of Parliament (Entutuled an Act for Regulacons of Corporacons) take the oath in the said Act named & did publiqulie Subscribe the declaration in these words (to witt)

I, William Busfeild, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon me or any other person from the oath comonly called the Solemne League and Covenant and that the same was in itselfe an unlawfull oath and Imposed upon the subjectes of this Realme against the Knowne Lawes and Libertyes of this Kingdome.

And afterwards the severall oathes of Alleigance & Supremacy and then the oath well and truely to execute the office of an Alderman & Justice of peace within the said Burrough.

At this courte Seth Pawson gent.¹ was in due forme of Law electd and chosen one of the assistant or Comon Councell men of the said Burrough.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Born 1639, died 29 May 1676.

## 1670

Att a Court of Major, Aldermen and assistants holden for the Said Burrough the one and Twentieth day of September in the twoe & Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Kinge Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Godfrey Lawson, Major, Ben. Waide, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaducke Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Richard Armitage, Willm. Hutchinson and Willm. Busfeild, Esqrs., Willm. Curtis, Willm. Fenton, Lanceolott Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, Robt. Nesse, James Pinckeney, Samuell Sykes, Nathaniell Spencer, George Loftus, Willm. Pickreinge, Cristofer Pawson, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Joseph Ibbitson, Charles Mann, George Jackson and Seth Pawson, Gents.: the rest made default.

Att this Court Richard Armitage and Thomas Dixon, Esqrs., twoe of the Aldermen of this Burrough, are appoynted by the Court as persons fitly qualified one whereof to bee Choosen Major of this Burrough for the yeare Ensueinge at a Court to beholden for this Burrough on Thursday the Twentie Ninth of September instant.

This Court takeinge noetice of the removall of John Metcalfe, one of the Aldermen and Justice of the peace within the said Burrough, into the County of Stafford, there to Inhabite, by reason of which his removall & non Residence within this Burrough hee hath rendred himselfe uncapable to Execute the said office: Whereupon (and for noe other cause) they doe declare him unserviceable for the Execucon of the said office or trust, and doe thinke and adjudge it fittinge that hee bee ousted and removed therefrom: and he is hereby ousted and removed accordingly.

At this court Samuell Sykes gent., one of the Comon councell men of the said Borrough was in due forme of Law Ellected and choosen one of the Aldermen of this Burrough accordinge to the powers Given by his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Letters patents in that behalfe, who being present in Court tooke noetice of Such his Elleccon.

To th'end the Gentlewoemen sittinge in the seate or pewe comonly called the Aldresses pew may with more freedome Exercise their devotions in tyme of publique prayers and other Religious worshipp: it is ordered by the Court with the assent of the reverend the Viccar that the said seate or pew bee Enlarged and to that end the p'ticon betweene the sd. seate & the pew where Mrs. Metcalfe lately satt be taken downe and removed and the same seate annexed to the said seate called the Aldresses pew only to be used and po'ssed by them & for the better Effecting hereof It is ordered that the doore formerly belonging to the said seate or pew be made upp and removed.

Att a Court of Maior, Aldermen and assistants holden for the said Burrough on Thirsday the nyne and Twentieth day of September, In the twoe and twentieth yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Kinge Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Godfrey Lawson, Major, Willm. Marshall, Henry Skelton, Daniell Foxcroft, Marmaducke Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Richard Armitage, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Hutchinson and Samuell Sykes, Esqrs., Willm. Curtis, Willm. Fenton, Lanc. Iveson, James

Netherwood, Robt. Nesse, James Pinckney, Nathaniell Spencer, George Loftus, Cristofer Pawson, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin and Seth Pawson: the rest made default.

Upon Readeinge of the humble peticon of Anne Tessinon (sic) widd. and Bryan Tessimon (hereunto annexed) and upon mature Consideration had of the Contents thereof, this court doth order That the preferringe of any Indictmt. or Informacon against the peticoners or either of them be stayed and that the peticoner Bryan bee admitted a Freeman of the Company of Mercers and Grocers upon such reasonable Fine as is Limited and appointed in the ordinances for the well guidance of the said Company, and for the moore Effectuall execucon hereof Nathaniell Spencer & Willm. Fenton, gent. (Twoe of the Comon councell men of this Burrough), are appointed by the Court to negotiate this affaire with the Maister of the said company and others concerned: and to certific their proceedings herein unto the next Generall Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough to th'end the Court (upon any default made in the premisse) may make such order therein as to Justice shall appertaine.

The like order on the behalfe of Thomas Walker & Priscilla his wife: he beinge formerly Indicted and paid a Fine of Sixe Poundes.

Att this Court Isaac Blackburne gent. was in due forme of Law elected to the office of one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough: whereupon it [is] ordered by the Court that the Seriant at Mace doe give noetice unto the said Mr. Blackburne of such his Elleccon and that hee somon him to bee and appeare at the next generall sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on Wednesday, the fifth day of October; then and there to take upon him the sd. office.

Att this Court Samuell Sykes gent., one of the Comon Councell men or Assistant within the said Burrough, accordinge to the directons of the Act of parliament (Entituled an Act for regulacons of corporacons) take the oath in the said Act named and did publique Subscribe the declaracon in these words (to witt)

I, Samuel Sykes, doe declare that I hold that their Lyes noe obligacon upon me or any other p'son from the oath comonly called the Soleme League and covenant and that the same was in itselfe an unlawfull oath and Imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme Against the Knowne Lawes and Libertyes of this Kingdome.

And afterwards the severall oathes of Alleigance and Supremacy and then the oath well and truely to Execute the office of an Alderman and Justice of peace within the Said Burrough.

Att this Court Richard Armitage Esqre, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law Elected Major of the said Burrough for the yeare Ensueinge; who beinge p'sent in Court tooke noetice of such his Eleccon and assented thereunto.

Att this Court it is ordered that Willm. Fenton gent., one of the Comon Councell men of this Burrough, shall have Thirty shilling out of the first Twenty nobles that should fall due by the death of any member of this Corporacon, which said sume is oweing to the said Willm. Fenton & layd out on the behalfe of the Corporacon.

## 1671

At a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough on Munday the nyne and twentieth day of May in the three and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Richard Armitage, Major, Benjam. Waid, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hicke, Cristofer Watkinson, William Hutchinson, William Busfeild, Esqrs., William Curtis, Willm. Fenton, Lanslot Ivison, Addam Hargrave, James Netherwood, James Pinckney, Cristofer Pawson, Willm. Pickringe, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martine, Ralph Spencer, Charles Mann, George Jackson, Seth Pawson, Isaack Blackburne, gents., & rest made default.

At this Court John Hodgshon gent, was in due forme of Law elected and chosen Assistante or Comon Counc. man of this Burrough And the Seirjant at Mace of this Burrough is thereupon ordered to give notice to the said John Hodgshon of such his Elleccon and yt hee appeare on Munday the twelfth day of June Instant [sic] at the Spicall Sessions of the peace holden for the said Burrough, there to take upon him the said office.

Bee it Remembered that upon the foureteenth day of September in the yeare abovesaid John Hodgson gent. did in due forme of Lawe take the Severall oathes of Allegiance and Supremacye and then the oath of Assistant or Comon Councell man of this Burrough Before Richard Armitage, Major, and William Hutchinson Esq. accordinge to the powers to them given by his Maties Letters Patents in that behalfe.

At a Court of Majr., Aldermen and Assistants holden For the said Burrough on Thirsday the one and Twentieth day of September In the three and Twentieth years of the Raigne of our Soveragne Lord King Charles the Second Annoque Dom. 1671.

At this Court did appeare Richard Armitage, Major, Benjamen Waid, William Marshall, Henry Skelton, Marmaducke Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, William Hutchinson and Samuell Sykes, Esqs., William Curtis, William Fenton, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Nathaniell Spencer, George Lofthouse, Thomas Martin, Joseph Ibetson, Ralph Spencer, Charles Manne, Martine Headeley, Isaac Blackburne, John Hodgshon, gen.: the Rest made default.

At this Court Thomas Dixon and William Hutchinson, twoe of the Aldermen of this Burrough, were Adiudged and Looked upon By the Court as persons fittly quallified out of which one to bee Elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare Ensuinge, which eleccon is to bee made accordinge to the dyreccons of the King's Letters pattents upon the twentie Ninth day of this Instant September comonly called Michaelmas Day.

At a Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the said Burrough on fryday the nyne & twentieth day of September in the three and twentieth years of ye Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Kinge Charles the Second Anno qe Dom. 1671.

At this Court did appeare Richard Armitage, Major, Benjamen Waide,

Willm. Marshall, Henry Skelton, Marmaducke Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Willm. Hutchinson, Samuell Sykes, Esqrs., William Curtis, Willm. Fenton, James Netherwood, James Pinckney, Robt. Nesse, Nathaniell Spencer, George Lofthouse, Thomas Martine, Joseph Ibbetson, Ralph Spencer, Charles Manne, William Pickringe, George Jackson, Seth Pawson, Isaac Blackburne, John Hodgshon, gent.

At this Court Thomas Dixon Esqre., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law Elected Major for the yeare Ensuinge Whereupon it is ordered by the Court yt ye Serjante at Mace doe forthwith give notice to the said Alderman Dixon of such his Electon And alsoe that he sumon him to bee and appeare at ye next Genrall Sessions of ye peace to be holden for the said Burrough on Weddnesday the fourth of October next, there to take upon him the said office accordinge to the dyreccons of his Maties. Ltrs. Pattents in yt behalfe.

Bee it Remembered that upon Munday the nynth day of October in the three & twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second, Thomas Dixon Esq., one of the Aldermen, did according to the directons of the late Act of Parliament (Entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporac.) take the oath in the said Act named & publiqly subscribe the Declaracon therein alsoe named & afterwards the oathes of Alleigeance & Supremacy & then the oath well & truly to execute the office of Maior for the yeare ensueing.

# 1672

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the Said Burrough on Munday the fifteenth day of January in the three and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of or Soveraigne Lord Kinge Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare Thomas Dixon Esq., Major, Beniamen Waide, Henry Skelton, Marmaducke Hicke, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, William Hutchinson and Samuell Sykes, Esqrs., William Curtiss, William Fenton, Lancelett Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, James Pinckney, Cristofer Pawson, William Pickringe, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martine, Joseph Ibbetson, Ralph Spencer, Charles Mann, George Jackson, Seth Pawson, Isaac Blackburne and John Hodgson, gen.: the Rest of the Members Made Default.

For the discharge of the Inhabitants within the towne and p'ish of Leedes from a certaine writt of Quo warranto and all issues and forfeitures in that behalfe It is ordered by the Court that the Maior & each Alderman shall pay unto the Serieant att Mace the sume of tenn shillings, and each Assistant the sume of Five shillinges, which sumes is to bee repayd unto them upon the next demiseing of ye Toll of this Burrough.

To th'end that the pious guift of Mr. Casson may not be misimployed, nor the p'sons thereby concerned disappoynted of the benefitt thereof, it is ordered by the Court that Alder. Armitage, late Maior of this Burrough, doe within fourteen dayes next ensueing deliver unto the

now Maior and Viccar of Leedes all such bonds as hee hath taken in that behalfe, and alsoe pay unto them soe much of the money as remaynes in his handes undisposed of.

For the Regulacon of the Church lay and prevencon of all Complaynts in that behalfe It is ordered by the Court that each Churchwarden within the towne & p'ish of Leedes doe somon twoe sufficient Inhabitants within his division to appeare att the p'ish Church of Leeds att such day as they shall agree, there to assesse & lay a Poll Lay of Fourty pounds, which is to bee as a standeing rule to all Churchlay and that the same bee soe assessed & layd within three weekes next ensueing.

Whereas John Killingbeck gen., one of the Assistants of this Burrough, hath made default of app'ance att sevrall Courts holden by the Maior, Aldermen & his Fellow Assistants, though thereunto Lawfully somoned It is thereupon ordered that the Serieant att Mace doe once more somon the sayd Mr. Killingbeck that hee bee and appeare att the next Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants to beholden for this Burrough, there to shew cause why a certaine Fyne ought not to bee Imposed upon him for such his default of app'ance and neglect of his office.

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the sayd Burrough the Eight day of March in the foure & twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Thomas Dixon, Maior, Henry Skelton, Daniell Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, William Busfeild & Samuell Sykes, Esqrs., William Curtiss, William Fenton, Lanc. Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Nathaniell Spencer, George Lofthouse, Cristofer Pawson, Thomas Martine, Joseph Ibbetson, Ralph Spencer, Charles Mann, George Jackson, Martine Headley, Seth Pawson, Isaac Blackburne, John Hodgshon, gent.: the Rest of the Members made default.

Upon the oath of John Brooke, Serieant att Mace within this Burrough (in due forme of Law administred unto him), it doth appeare that hee had given due notice unto John Killingbeck gen., one of the Comon Councell of this Burrough, to appeare att Fifteene Courts sev'ally holden by the Maior, Aldermen & Assistents of this Burrough, there to bee and appeare to give his advice and assistance, gov'ment & advantage of this Burrough; att which sev'all Courts the sd. John Killingbeck made default of app'ance and shewed no reasonable cause in excuse thereof: for which sev'all defaults hee hath forfeited in the whole the sume of three pounds Fifteen shillings according to an order of the sayd Burrough formerly made (to which sayd order the sd. Mr. Killingbeck was a p'ty and assenting thereunto) It is thereupon ordered that the Serieant att Mace doe give notice to the sd. John Killingbeck that he bee and appe att the next Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents to beholden for the sayd Burrough on [blank left for date and not completed] next comeing, there to show cause why the sayd sume of three pounds Fifteene shillings ought not to be Levyed by distresse and sale of his goods and chattells for such his sev'all defaults whereof hee stands convicted as aforesd.

Att this Court Gilbte. Cowper gen., one of the Assistants of this Burrough, upon an Instrument or writeing then read (purporting his voluntary Resignacon of his sayd place and declareing thereby his unfitnes to serve in the Sd. office) and it is thereupon ordered that one other able and sufficient Inhabitant bee elected & chosen in his roome & place.

Att this Court Martin Headley gen., one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law elected one of the Aldermen & Justices of the peace and being present in Court did accept of the said office & did then take the sev'all oathes of alleigeance and supremacy, and the oath in a certaine act of Parliament (Entituled an act for Regulacon of Corporacons) and then the oath well & truely to execute the office of Alderman and Justice of peace within the sayd Burrough.

At this Court Antony Wayde gen.¹ was in due forme of Law Elected one of the Assistents or Comon Councell of this Burrough (upon the voluntary Resignacon of Gilbert Cooper gen., one of the Assistants) whereupon it is Ordred by the Court that the Serjant at Mace doe give notice to the said Mr. Antony Wayd of such his Elleccon and Alsoe that hee Somon him to appeare before the Major and others Justices of the peace on Fryday ye twelfth day of Aprill next by the hower of one of the Clock in the afternoone of the same day at the Guildhall of the Said Burrough, there in due forme of Law to take upon him the sayd office and alsoe then & there to pay Six pounds thirteene Shillings and fourpence accordinge to the Order in that behalfe.

The Like order for Henry Stanhope gen., beeinge in Lick mannor Ellected an Assistant or one of the Comon Councell of the Sayd Burrough.

Bee it Remembered that the twelvth day of Aprill in the foure & twentieth yeare of his now Maties. Raigne Antony Wade did in due forme of Law take the sev'all oathes of Alleigeance and supremacy and the oath in a certaine Act of Parliament (Entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons) and alsoe subscribe the declaracon; and then did take the oath of one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough before Thomas Dixon, Maior, and others Aldermen & Assistents then pesent.

The Like in the same forme of Law was done and p'formed by Henry Stanhope, gent.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents holden for the sayd Burrough on Saturday the one and twentieth day of September in the foure and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Seconde.

Att this Court did appeare Thomas Dixon, Maior, Marma: Hick, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, Willm. Hutchinson, Willm. Busfeilde, Samuel Sykes & Martin Headley, Aldermen, Willm. Curtis, Willm. Fenton, Lancelott Iveson, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, Robte. Nesse, James Pinckney, George Loftus, Willm. Pickering, Crist. Pawson, Edward

<sup>1</sup> Of New Grange, Headingley: born 1636, died December 1683. Nephew of Benjamin, who was Mayor 1663-4.

Caddy, Thomas Martin, Joseph Ibbitson, Charles Mann, Seth Pawson, George Jackson, Isaac Blackburne and Henry Stanhope: the rest made default.

Upon the default of John Killingbeck gent., one of the Assistents of this Burrough, att this Court made, there to shew cause why the sume of three pounds Fifteene shillings by him forfeited for his non app'ance att Fifteen sev'all Courts holden by the Maior, Aldermen & his fellow Assistants ought not to bee levyed, It is ordered by the Court that a warr<sup>t</sup> bee awarded, directed to the Serieant att Mace or his deputy within the said Burrough, for the Levyeing of the sayd sume, which warr<sup>t</sup> followes in these words (to witt)

"To the Serieant att Mace of the sayd Burrough and to his deputy greeteing Whereas at a Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistants holden at Leedes for the Sayd Burrough the thirteenth day of September In the Fourteenth yeare of his now Maties. Raigne for the Reasons then assigned It was ordered that if any p'son (beeing a Member of this Corporacon) shall bee absent at any Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to bee holden for the said Burrough (without cause reasonable and having due notice of such Court) that then the p'son soe offending if Called to the office of Alderman and Justice of the peace shall pay tenn shillings, and if an assistant or Comon councell man the Sume of Five Shillings, which said order was afterwards Read, allowed and Confirmed by his Maties. Justices of Assizes holden at the Castle of Yorke for the County of Yorke according to the forme of the Statute in such Case made & p'vided, and alsoe whereas John Killingbeck gent., one of the Assistants or Comon Councell men of this Burrough beeing present and Consenting to the Making of the above in pte. recited order and beeing duly sumoned to appeare at fifteene sev'all Courts holden by the Major, Aldermen and his fellow Assistents did not appeare or show any reasonable Cause att any of the Said Courts for such his absence, whereupon hee hath forfeited the sume of Five shillings for each offence, which amounteth in the whole unto three pounds & These are therefore to will and Comaind you yt. fifteene shillings upon sight hereof you resorte to the said John Killingbeck and demaind of him the Said three pounds and fifteen Shillings, and upon his refusall to pay that then you Levye the same by Distress and Sale of the goods and Chattles of ye said John Killingbeck if they bee found within the said Burrough and that you have the said Moneys at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistents to bee holden for the said Burrough on Munday the thirtieth day of September instant, there to bee disposed of as the above in pte. recited order doth dyrect and appoynt Given under or hands and the Comon Seale of this Burrough this xxi<sup>th</sup> day of September In ye Foure and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of or Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second."

Att this Court Alderman William Hutchinson and Alderman William Busfeild were appoynted by the Court as p'sons fittly qualifyed, the one to bee Chosen to the office of Major for the yeare ensuing upon Munday then next.

At this Court Jabis Bentley was elected by the Court to the office of Serjant att Mace for this Burrough to continue and exercise the same office (Quid diu se bene gesserit).

Bee it Remembred that upon Wednesday the five & twentieth day of

September instant Jabas Bentley did in due forme of Law take the sev'all oathes of Alleigeance and Supremacy and the oath in a certaine Act of Parliament (Entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons) and alsoe subscribed the declaracon And then did take the oath of Serieant att Mace for the said Burrough before Thomas Dixon, Maior.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the sayd Burrough on Munday the thirtieth day of September in the foure & twentieth yeare of the raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Thomas Dixon, Maior, Willm. Marshall, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, Willm. Busfeilde, Aldermen, Willm. Curtis, John Killingbeck, Willm. Fenton, James Netherwood, Robte. Nesse, James Pinckney, Willm. Pickering, Crist. Pawson, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Ralph Spencer, Charles Mann, Seth Pawson, Isaac Blackburne, John Hodgshon & Henry Stanhope, Assistents: the rest made default.

Att this Court Willm. Hutchinson, Alderman, was in due forme of Law elected to the office of Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing.

Upon the reasons assigned by John Killingbeck gen., one of the Assistants of this Burrough, toucheing his non app'ance att sev'all Courts holden for the sayd Burrough, and upon his undertakeing for his future observance, this Court doth acquitt & discharge him of three pounds & Fifteene shillings Forfeited by him for his not appeareing accordeing to a constitution in that behalfe made.

Att this Court it is ordered that Willm. Milner gen., one of the Assistants of this Burrough, bee somoned to appeare att the next Court of Maior & Aldermen to beholden for this Burrough, there to shew cause why the sev'all sumes by him Forfeited by his non app'ance att sev'all Courts (being thereunto Lawfully Somoned) should not bee levied of his goods & chattells.

Bee it Remembred that the nynth day of October in the foure & twentieth yeare of the raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second, Willm. Hutchinson, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, did in due forme of Law take the oathes of Aleigeance & Supremacy and the oath in a certaine Act of Parliament (Entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons) and alsoe subscribed the declaracon and then tooke the oath well & truely to Execute the office of Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents holden for the sayd Burrough on Munday the Eleaventh day of November in the Foure & twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Willm. Hutchinson, Maior, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Edward Atkinson, Crist. Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Richard Armitage, Wm. Busfeild, Samuel Sykes & Martin Headley, Aldermen, Willm. Curtis, Willm. Fenton, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, Robte. Nesse, James Pinckney, George Loftus, Willm. Pickering, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Joseph Ibbitson, Ralph Spencer, Charles Man, Seth Pawson, Isaac Blackburne, Henry Stanhope: the rest made default.

For the prevencon of the open & disorderly begging of the poore within this Burrough and to th'end they may bee comfortably Releived, it is ordered that the sev'all Wardes within this Burrough bee continued and that the p'sons hereafter named doe take care that the poore therein bee duely p'vided for and Releived (to witt)

Leeds Kirkgate: Alderman Dixon, John Thoresby & Joseph Ibbitson, gen., togeather with the Churchwardens and Ov'seers of the poore there.

South & East pte. of Leedes Mayneridd: Alderman Armitage, Alderman Sykes, Robte. Nesse, John Greare, George Loftus & Wm. Ingram, gen., with the Churchwardens & Ov'seers of the poore there.

Holbeck: Alderman Busfeilde, Adam Hargrave & Thomas Martin, gen., with the Churchwardens & Ov'seers of the poore there.

Hunslett: Alderman Headley, Ralph Spencer & Willm. Fenton, gen., togeather with the Churchwardens & Ov'seers of the poore there.

Beeston: Alderman Hick, Willm. Pickering and John Hodgshon, gen., with the Churchwardens & Ov'seers of the poore there.

Headingley cu. Burley: Alderman Foxcroft, Antony Wade, John Killingbeck and Abrah. Hinchcliff, gen., with the Churchwardens & Ov'seers of the poore there.

North pte: Alderman Lawson with the Churchwardens & Ov'seers of the poore there.

Upp. division of Leedes towne: Alderman Atkinson, George Banister & Joseph Fountaine, gen., with the Churchwardens & Ov'seers of the poore there.

Middle division of Leedes towne, Milne hill, Bridge end: Aldermen Hick togeather with the Churchwardens & Ov'seers of the poore there.

Chappell Alerton: Alderman Skelton, Mr. Waddington & Francis Comeyn with the Churchwardens & Ov'seers of the poore there.

Potter Newton: Thomas Hardwick Esq. & Edward England with the Churchwardens and Ov'seers of the poore there.

Armley: John Lunde gen. & John Robinson with the Churchwardens and Ov'seers of the poore there.

Bramley: John Greene & Michael Middlesbrough with the Churchwardens and Ov'seers of the poore there.

Wortley: Henry Ubanck & John Cliff with the Churchwardens and Ov'seers of the poore there.

Farnley: Robte. Harper, Wm. Atkinson & Robte. Arthington with the Churchwardens & Ov'seers of the poore there.

and that the sturdy and disorderly poore may not bee Encouraged in their open begging, all householders are hereby Inioyned not to releive them att their doores, upon paine of being p'ceeded agt. according to the Lawes in that behalfe.

#### 1673

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistents holden for the said Burrough on Weddnesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March in the Five and Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of o<sup>r</sup> Soveraigne Lord Kinge Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare William Hutchinson, Major, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduck Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Crus. Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, William Busfeild, Samuel Sykes and Martine Headley, Esqrs. William Curtis, Johes. Killingbecke, Willm. Fenton, Lanc. Iveson, James Neatherwood, Robt. Nesse, James Pinckney, Christofer Pawson, Edward Caddye, Thomas Martine, Ralph Spencer, Charles Mann, Seth Pawson, Isaac Blackburne and Henry Stanhope, gen.: the Rest made default.

At this Court Mr. Bryan Dixon was Elected and Chosen one of the Assistants or Comon Councel of this Burrough upon the non Residence of Mr. Nathaniel Spencer, one of the Assistants of this Burrough, whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the Serjant at Mace doe give notice to the Said Mr. Bryan Dixon of such his Eleccon and allsoe that he sumon him to appeare at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to bee holden for the said Burrough at the Guildhall of the said Burrough, there In due forme of Lawe to take upon him the said Office and allsoe then and there to pay the sume of Six pounds thirteene shillings and four pence accordinge to the order in yt Behalfe.

At this Court Joseph Balmer gen.¹ was Ellected and Chosen one of the Assistants or Comon Councel of this Burrough in the place and steade of George Jackson gen., Deceased, one of the Assistants of this Burrough, Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjant at Mace doe give notice unto the said Mr. Balmer of such his Ellecton and allsoe that hee sumon him to appeare at the next [? special] Sessions of the peace to bee holden for the said Burrough, there in due forme of Law to take upon him the said office and allsoe to pay ye sume of Six pounds thirteene shillings and foure pence accordinge to ye order in that behalfe.

Att this Court Nathaniel Spencer, one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law ousted from the sayd office in respect of his non residency within this Burrough.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the Fourthe day of June in the Five and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of or Soveraigne Lord Kinge Charles the Second

At this Court did appeare William Hutchinson, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Christofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Busfeild, Samuel Sykes and Martine Headley, Esqrs., William Millner, William Curtiss, William Fenton, Lancelett Iveson, Adam Hargrave, Robert Ness, William Pickeringe, Christofer Pawson, Tho: Martin, Joseph Ibbettson, Seth Pawson, Isaac Blackborne, James Netherwood and Henry Stanhope, gent.: the Rest Made Defaulte.

Whereas Bryan Dixon gent., att a Court of Maior, Alder. and Assistants holden for the sayd Burrough the Fifth day of March last was in due forme of Law Elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough, of which his Eleccon hee had due notice by the Serieant att Mace, and alsoe was somoned to appeare att the then next sp'iall Sessions of the peace to beholden for the sayd Burrough

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Merchant: born 1646, died 26 May 1688.

the Fifth day of May last, att which day the sayd Bryan Dixon did p'sonally appeare but did not p'duce any Certificate or testimonial that within one yeare next before such his Eleccon to the sayd office hee had taken the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the Rites of the Church of England, and did then also refuse to subscribe the declaracon agt. the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & Covenant according to the directors of a certaine Act of Parliament (Entituled an Act for the Well gov'neing and Regulateing of Corporacons) whereupon & upon mature delibacon had of the premisses This Court doth assesse and Impose upon him the sayd Bryan Dixon for such his contemptuous refusall the sume of thirteen pounds sixe shillings & Eight pence. And doe order that the Serieant att Mace doe demand & receave the same for the Use of the sayd Corporacon, and upon his the said Bryan Dixon refuseing to pay the same that then y certifie y r p'ceedings to the next Court of Maior, Alderm. and Assistants to beholden for this Burrough to th'end the sayd Bryan Dixon may be further p'ceeded agt. according to Law.

Att this Court Antony Waide gent., one of the Assistants of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law elected one of the Alderman & Justices of peace within the sayd Burrough, whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the Serieant att Mace doe give notice to the sayd Mr. Waide of such his Eleccon and that y somon him to appeare before the Maior & Aldermen to take upon him his office according to such his Eleccon, and also that hee pay Sixe pounds thirteen shillings and foure pence according to an Ordinance in that behalfe.

Bee it Remembred that att a meeting holden the one and twentieth day of Aprill in the Five and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second by the maior pte. of the p'sons duely made and constituted Feoffees for the Eleccon of a Viccar and for the p'petuateing of that trust: Willm. Hutchinson, present Maior of Leedes, Samuel Sykes & Martin Headley, twoe of the Aldermen, Thomas Hardwick and Jervase Nevile, Esqrs., and George Neale, Dcor. in Phisick, were duely elected and appointed Feoffees or trustees for the Eleccon of a Viccar for the p'ish Church of Leedes (when and soeoften as the same shalbecome voyd) in the roome and place of Thomas Danby Esq., Beniamyn Wade, Willm. Marshall, John Metcalfe, George Gill & John Barber, gents., late Feoffees in that behalfe deceased.

The Feoffees present att the Court aforesd. (to witt) Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Edward Atkinson, Godfrey Lawson, George Banister, John Killingbeck, Willm. Milner, James Moxon the younger, Lancelott Iveson.

Bee it Remembered that the First day of July In the Five and twentieth yeare of ye Raigne of o' Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second Anthony Waide gent. did in due forme of Law take ye sev'al oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the oath in a Certaine Act of Parliament, Entituled an Act for ye Regulacon of Corporacons, and alsoe subscribed the declaracon and after tooke ye oath well and truly to execute ye office of Alderman & Justice of peace within this Burrough Beefore William Hutchinson, Major, and Thomas Dixon, twoe of ye Justices of peace within the said Burrough, and Adam Hargrave and Henry Stanhope, twoe of ye Assistants or Comon Councell there.

Bee it Remembered that at a Meetinge holden the Eight and twentieth day of July in the Five and twentieth yeare of ye Raigne of or Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second By William Hutchinson, Major, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Christofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, Thomas Hardwick, Jervase Nevile, William Curtis, George Banister and Wm. Fenton, Beeing the Major pte. of the p'sons duly Made and Constituted Feoffees for the Eleccon of A viccar and for the p'petuatinge of that trust, John Hodgson of Beeston gent., Edward Waddington of Gleadhey gent., Joseph Ibbetson of Leedes gent., Joseph Balmer of ye same gent., and Abraham Hinchclife of Kirkestall gent., are duly elected and appoynted Feoffees or trustees for ye Eleccon of A viccar for ye p'ish Church of Leedes (when and soe often as ye same shall Beecome voyd) in ye roome & place of Robt. Ross, Paul Thorsby, James Moxon the younger, Lancelett Iveson and Richard Armitage, gent., Late Feoffees in that Beehalfe, deceased.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the Eight day of August In the five and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of o<sup>r</sup> Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare William Hutchinson, Major, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Edward Atkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Busfeild, Samuel Sykes, Martine Headley and Anthony Waide, Ar., William Cortiss, William Fenton, Adam Hargrave, Robt. Ness, Joseph Ibbetson, George Lofthouse, Edward Caddy, W<sup>m</sup> Pickering, Charles Man, Thomas Martin, James Pinckney, Isaac Blackborne, Henry Stanhopp and Joseph Balmer, gent.: the Rest Made Default.

At this Court John Killingbeck of Headingley gent., one of the Comon Councel of this Burrough, was In due forme of Law Elected and Chosen to the office of Alderman and one of the Justices of the peace within the said Burrough In the Roome and place of Richard Armitage, deceased, whereupon it is ordered By the Court yt. ye present Serjant at Mace doe give notice to the said Mr. Killingbeck of such his Eleccon and sumon him to Appeare at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to Beeholden for the said Burrough on Munday ye Eighteenth day of August Instant, there to take upon him his said office.

At this Court Thomas Foster gent., was in due forme of Law Elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councel of this Burrough whereupon it is ordered that the Serjant at Mace doe give notice unto ye said Thomas Foster of such his Elleccon and that hee sumon him to appeare at the next Court to Bee holden for this Burrough on Munday the Eighteenth day of August Instant, there to take upon him the said office and allsoe to pay the sume of Six pound thirteene Shillings and four pence according to An ordenance in that Beehalfe.

The Like order for Edward Waddington of Gleddey gent. to appeare upon Munday the Eighteenth day of August Instant hee Beeing in due forme of Law Elected to the office of Comoncouncel man or Assistant for this Burrough, there to take upon him the said office and to pay the sume of Six pound thirteene Shillings and four pence accordinge to an order in that Beehalfe.

Whereas Willm. Milner & Ralph Spencer, gent., twoe of the Assistants of this Burrough, did inhabitt and reside on the twentieth day of May Last within this Burrough, yett did not take the oathes of Alleigeance and Supremacy nor receave the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper accordeing to the Usage of the Church of England att or before the first day of August instant, neither did p'duce any Certificat att the Gen'all Sessions of the peace holden for this Burrough the sixteenth day of July last and held by adiourne<sup>mt</sup> the thirtieth and one and thirtieth dayes of the same month, whereupon and upon due consideracon had of the Act of Parliament (Entituled an Act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants) this Court doth adiudge the sayd Willm. Milner and Raphe Spencer uncapable and disabled in Law to all intents and purposes whatsoever to have, occupy or Enioye the sayd office of an Assistant or Comon Councell man: and that their respective offices and places is voyd.

Bee it Remembered that the Eighteenth day of August, Anno Dm. 1673, John Killingbeck of Headingley gent. did In due forme of Law take the oaths of Alleigeance and Supremecy and the oath in a Certaine Act of Parliamt., Intitled an act for the Regulacon of Corporacons, and alsoe subscribed the declaracon and afterwards tooke the oath wel and truly to execute the ofice of Alderman and Justice of peace within this Burrough Beefore William Hutchinson, Major, William Busfeild and Martine Headley, Aldermen, and William Fenton, James Pinckney, Isaac Brackborne, Christofer Pawson, Seth Pawson and Henry Stanhope, Assistants.

Bee it Remembred that the day and yeare abovesaid Thomas Foster gent. did in due forme of Law take the oathes aforesaid and Likewise subscribe the Dec. and afterwards the oath well and truly to execute the office of Assistant or one of the Comon Councel of this Burrough, Beefore the Justices of peace and Comoncouncel aforesaid.

Bee it Remembered that the seaven & twentieth day of August in ye yeare aforesaid Edward Waddington gent. did in due forme of Law take the said oathes and subscribe the Declaracon and afterwards the oath wel and truly to Execute the office of one of the Assistants or Comon coun.. of this Burrough Beefore William Hutchinson, Major, and Wm. Fenton, one of the Assistants thre.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the Third day of September In the five and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of o<sup>r</sup> Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare William Hutchinson, Major, Godfrey Lawson, William Busfeild, Esqrs., William Curtis, William Fenton, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, Robt. Ness, James Pinckney, George Lofthouse, Christofer Pawson, William Pickering, Thomas Martin, Joseph Ibbetson, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackborne, John Hodgson, Henry Stanhopp, Joseph Balmer, Thomas Foster and Edward Waddington, gen.: the Rest made default.

At this Court Richard Hetherington gent. was In due forme of Law Elected and Chosen one of the Assistants or Comon Councel of this Burrough whereupon it is ordered that the present Serjant at Mace doe give notice unto the said Mr. Hetherington of such his Eleccon

and that hee somon him to appeare at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to Bee holden for this Burrough on Thirsday the Eleaventh day of September Beetweene the howers of one and two of the Clock in the afternoone of the same day at the Guild Hall of the said Burrough There to take upon him his said office and allsoe to pay the sume of Six pounds thirteene shillings and four pence according to An order that Beehalfe.

The Like order for George Banister Junr. gent., Beeing chosen an Assistant.

The Like order for Joshua Hill gent., Beeing Chosen An Assistant. The Like order for Thomas Potter gent., Beeing Chosen An Assistant.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the twentie second day of September In the Five and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of or Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

At this Court did appeare William Hutchinson, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduck Hick, Edward Atkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, Samuel S[y]kes, Martin Headley, Antony Waide and John Killingbeck, Ar., William Fenton, Adam Hargrave, James Netherwood, Robert Ness, James Pinckney, William Pickering, Thom. Martin, Edward Caddy, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackborne, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, Richard Hetherington, George Banister Junr. and Joshua Hill, gent.: the rest Made default.

At this Court, upon reading Certaine orders touching the Elleccon of Thomas Potter, Joshua Hill, Richard Hetherington and George Banister Junr., gent., Assistants for this Burrough, the third day of September Instant, the said orders touching theire Eleccon was Confirmed, ratified and allowed By the Consent of the whole Court.

Bee it remembered that the Seaven and twentieth day of September in the yeare aforesaid Tho. Potter and Joshua Hill, gent., did in due forme of Law take the oaths of Alegiance and Supremicie and the oath in a Certaine Act of Parliamt., Entituled an Act for the regulacon of Corporacons, and allsoe subscribed the declaracon and afterwards tooke the oath well and truly to Execute the office of Assistants or Comon Councel of this Burrough Beefore William Hutchinson, Major of the said Burrough.

Bee it allsoe remembered that the Nyne and Twentieth day of September in the yeare aforesaid Richard Hetherington and George Banister Junr., gent., did take the said oaths and afterwards subscribed the declaracon and then the oath wel and truly to execute the office of Assistants or Comon Councel of this Burrough Beefore William Hutchinson, Major of the said Burrough.

<sup>1</sup>At this Court Alderman William Busfeild and Alderman Samuel Sykes were appoynted by the Court as p'sons fittly quallified, the one to be Chosen to the office of Major for the yeare Ensuinge upon Munday then next.

<sup>1</sup> This order was evidently omitted from its proper place, preceding the memo. re Potter and Hill above.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents holden for the sayd Burrough the nyne and twentieth day of September in the Five and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Willm. Hutchinson, Maior, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, Aldermen, Willm. Curtis, Willm. Fenton, James Netherwood, Robte. Nesse, James Pinckney, George Loftus, Cristofer Pawson, Willm. Pickering, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackburne, Joseph Balmer, Thomas Foster, Edward Waddington, George Banister Jun., Josuah Hill, Thomas Potter, gen., Assistants.

Att this Court Willm. Busfeild Esq., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law Elected Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing, whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the Serieant at Mace doe give him notice of such his Eleccon, and alsoe that he somon him to appeare att the next Gen'all Sessions of the peace to beholden for the sayd Burrough on Wednesday the Eight day of October next to take . . . . . Office.

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The Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the sayd Burrough on Wednesday the Eleaventh day of March in the sixe and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Willm. Busfeild, Maior, Marmad. Hick, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Wm. Hutchinson & John Killingbeck, Aldermen, Willm. Curtis, Willm. Fenton, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Joseph Ibbitson, Edward Caddy, Cristofer Pawson, Wm. Pickering, Thomas Martin, Thomas Foster, Seth Pawson, Adam Hargrave, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackburne, Joseph Balmer, Edward Waddington, George Banister the younger, Josuah Hill, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter & Richard Hetherington, Assistants: the rest made default.

For the better Regulacon of the Markett Overt within this Burrough, and for the benefitt and advantage of the Inhabitants and others his Maties. Leige people thereto Resorteing, And in the due Execucon of the powers given to the Maior, Aldermen & Burgesses by his Maties. Letters Patents for the Regulacon of Marketts and Fayres It is ordered that noe p'son whatsoever shall directly or indirectly setto sayle, barter for, or buy, any Corne or graine that shalbe exposed to sale in the sayd Markett untill the ringing of the Bell called the Markett Bell, upon payne that every or any p'son herein offending shalbe strictly p'ceeded agt. upon the statute made agt. Forstallers, And it is further ordered that the said Markett Bell bee openly rung by tenn of the Clock in the aforenoon ev'y Markett Day holden for the towne of Leedes.

[A marginal note says "See the Book of the Sp'ial Sessions, fol. 174."]

Att this Court the present Maior did declare that if any sume of money should happen by the death or Eleccon of any Alderm.. or Assistant

(dureing his Maiorality) that hee would not accept or receave any farthing thereof to his owne use.

For ye prevencon of ye open and disorderly begging of the poore within this towne It is ordered yt the assess'ent alredy taxed and assessed for theire releife be continued and payd untill the feast of Easter next and for their future maintenance and releife It is further ordered yt a view and Survey of the necessitious poore within the sayd towne bee had and taken to the end a suitable p'vision may bee made answerable to their poore condicon.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for ye said Burrough ye one and twentieth day of September in ye sixe & twentieth yeare of ye Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Kinge Charles ye Second.

Att this Court did appeare William Busfeild, major, Edward Atkinson & William Hutchinson, Aldermen, Willm. Curtis, Willm. Fenton, James Netherwood, James Pinckney, Joseph Ibbitson, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Cristofer Pawson, William Pickering, Thomas Martin, Thomas Foster, Seth Pawson, Charles Man, Isaac Blackburne, Joseph Balmer, George Banister Junr. and Josuah Hill, gent.: the rest made default.

Att this Court Alderman Sykes & Alderman Headley were appointed by ye Court one whereof to bee Elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for ye Yeare Ensueing on Mich: day next.

Att this Court it is ordered that Alderman Dixon doe make and give upp his accounts of the moneys by him receaved and how disbursed touching the Quo warranto.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen & Assistents holden for ye said Burrough the twenty nynth day of September in the sixe and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Kinge Charles the second.

Att this Court did appeare William Busfeild, Major, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, Anthony Wade & John Killingbeck, Aldermen, William Curtis, Willm. Fenton, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Joseph Ibbitson, Adam Hargrave, Cristofer Pawson, Thomas Martin, Thomas Foster, Seth Pawson, Charles Man, Isaac Blackburne, John Hodgson, George Banister Junr., Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Richard Hetherington and George Loftus, gent.: the rest made default.

Att this Court Samuel Sykes Esqr., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law Elected Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing, who being present in Court tooke notice of such his Electon.

Upon due consideracon had toucheing the disposicon of the Bayliwick and the Toll, Fees and p'fitts thereunto belonging; It is ordered by the Court that Samuel Sykes, Maior (of the said Burrough) elect; Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, Aldermen, Willm. Fenton,

Joseph Ibbitson, Thom. Potter, Assistents, or any Five of them doe with all Conveni[ent] speede demise and Lease the Same for what tyme terme of yeares they thinke fitt, either by way of Fine & yearely rent reserved or by a Yearely Improved Rent: takeing Sufficient Security for the payemt. and p'formance thereof And it is further ordered that the Major elect and his Successors Shall & may Yearely dureing the terme of the said demise receive & take to his and their owne use forth of the p'fitts of the Said Bayliwick the Sume of Sixtie Five pounds of Lawfull English money to bee paid Quarterly and to th'end a convenient Stock of moneys may bee raised for the asserting and rendicon of the Corporacon's rights and priviledges, it is agreed and soe ordered by the Court that all and ev'y sume or sumes of money that from henceforth shalbecome due and payable by any p'son to be elected to the office of Assistent or Alderman within this Burrough shalbe and bee solely Imployed to the only use and benefitt of the sayd Corporacon any form order to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstandeing.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the said Burrough the second day of November in the sixe and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our sov'aigne Lord Kinge Charles the second.

Att this Court did appeare Samuel Sykes, Major, Marmaduck Hick, Edward Atkinson, Godfrey Lawson, William Busfeild & Anthony Wade, Aldermen, Willm. Curtis, William Fenton, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Joseph Ibbitson, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Cristofer Pawson, William Pickering, Thomas Martin, Charles Man, Isaac Blackburne, Edward Waddington, George Banister Jun., Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Richard Hetherington and George Loftus, gent.: the rest made default.

For the prevencon of abuses frequently comitted by Forstallers, Ingrossers and Regrators, and to the end the price of Corne, Victualls & other goods comeing or being in the Markett Overt may not bee Enhanced, nor the Badgers and Huxtors thereto resorteing may abuse their Lycense in that behalfe, It is ordered that the present Constables of Leedes towne togeather with the Serieant at Mace doe upon ev'y Markett day and att such other dayes and tymes (as in their discrecons they shall thinke fitt) take notice of all & ev'y p'son offendeing in this Kinde and to retorne the name of each p'son offending togeather with the nature of his offence, to th'end hee, she or they may bee duely p'ceeded agt. upon the Statute of Forestalling, Ingrossing and Regrateing.

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The Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents holden for the sayd Burrough the twoe and twentieth day of February in the Seaven and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Samuel Sykes, Maior, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Willm. Hutchinson, Antony Wade, John Killingbeck, Willm. Curtis, Willm. Fenton, James Netherwood, Robte. Nesse, James Pinckney, Joseph Ibbitson, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Willm.

Pickering, Thomas Martin, Thomas Foster, Charles Mann, John Hodgshon, Joseph Balmer, George Banister, Josuah Hill, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Richard Hetherington, George Loftus: the rest made default.

Att this Court it is ordered that the Corne measures of this Burrough be compared and tryed by and with the measures Henry Wilkinson of Leedes gent. lately had from the Tower, London, and for the better effecting hereof Wm. Pickering, Joseph Balmer, Josuah Hill & Wm. Fenton, gen., togeather with the Serieant att Mace, are appointed by the Court to see the same done And to certific there p'ceedeings herein (withall convenient speede) to the present Maior of this Burrough to th'end speedy care may bee had and taken for Regulacon of the defects (if any bee).

Att this Court Marke Pickering gent. was in due forme of Law elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough whereupon it is ordered that the Serieant att Mace doe give him notice of such his Eleccon and also that hee somon him to appeare on Munday the nyne & twentieth day of March next att the dwelleing house of Samuel Sykes, Maior, by the houre of twoe of the Clock in the afternoone, there to take the oathes well & truly to execute the said office; and that hee pay att the same tyme the sume of Sixe pound, thirteen shillings foure pence, according to an ordinance in that behalfe.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the said Burrough the one & Twentieth day of September in the Seaven & Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Samuel Sykes, major, Marmaduke Hicke, Edward Atkinson, Crūs. Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Anthony Wade, John Killingbeck, William Curtis, Willm. Fenton, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Crūs. Pawson, William Pickering, Thomas Martin, Thomas Foster, Seth Pawson, Joseph Balmer, George Banister Junr., Josuah Hill, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Mark Pickering: the rest made default.

Att this Court Alderman Headley and Alderman Waide were appointed, the one of them to bee Elected to the office of Major of this Burrough on the Twenty Ninth day of September instant For the yeare ensueing.

Att this Court it is ordered that the Five pounds thirteen shillings and foure pence due for the discharge of the issues upon a certaine Quo Warranto form'ly brought agt. this Burrough bee paid unto Mr. Joseph Horneby or his order out of the next Fine due to the Corporacon upon the Eleccon of an Alderman or an Assistant of this Burrough. The like order for Willm. Fenton gent., one of the Assistants, for thirty shillings to him due by the Corporacon: to bee paid out of the second Fine that shall happen as aforesaid.

To the End the Freeholders within the towne and p'ish of Leedes may bee from henceforth acquitted from Service as Jurors att the Assizes It is ordered that his Ma<sup>tles</sup> Lres. Patent bee yearly allowed with each succeding sheriff of the County of Yorke: and for the

effecting hereof each Freeholder is to pay unto the Constable of their towne or Liberty one shilling sixe pence, which sume when collected each Constable is to pay over unto the present Maior for the purpose aforesaid.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the Said Burrough the Nine & Twentieth day of September in the Seaven & Twentieth years of ye Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Samuel Sykes, Maior, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marma: Hick, Crūs. Watkinson, William Hutchinson, William Curtis, Willm. Fenton, James Netherwood, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Joseph Ibbitson, Edward Caddy, Willm. Pickering, Thomas Martin, Thomas Foster, Seth Pawson, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackburne, Joseph Balmer, George Banister Junr., Josuah Hill, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Richard Hetherington, George Lofthouse: the rest made default.

To th'end the Imunityes & priviledges granted & decreed to the Inhabitants of this Burrough toucheing the discharge of Toll (p. totii Regni Angl.) may be effectually preserved & kept inviolable It is ordered that if any suit hereafter happen to be comensed or brought for or agt. any Inhabitant of this Burrough toucheing the non payemt. of Toll att Wakefeild, that the same bee managed & defended att the Comon charge of the Inhabitants within the sayd towne & p'ish of Leedes.

Att this Court Martin Headley, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due Forme of Law Elected major of this Burrough for the yeare Ensuinge, whereupon it is ordered that the Serjant att Mace doe forthwth give him notice of such his Eleccon; to th'end hee may take upon him the said office accordeing to the dyreccons of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Ltes. Patents in that behalfe.

Bee it remembered that the sixth day of October in the Seaven and Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second, Martin Headley, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, did in due forme of Law take ye oathes of Aleigeance and Supremacy & the oath in a certaine Act of Parliamt. (Entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons) and alsoe subscribed the declaracon & then tooke the oath well and truely to Execute the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing before Samuel Sykes, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Aldermen, and others.

Att this Court itt is ordered and Desired the said Mr. Martin Headley, p'sent Major, may take upon him the Inspeccon, Correccon & punishmt. of the Assise of corne, bread & Ale and of all and all manner of victualls of what kind soever within the Burrough and the Libtyes and presincts thereof from tyme to tyme and whensoever hereafter coming may be or is to be sold And Fines, Am'ciam's punishm's and forfeitures taken, imposed or to be taken or imposed, to be taken, levyed and received for any the offences of what nature or kind soever may be bestowed and distributed amongst the poore of the Burrough aforesaid and alsoe to putt in Execucon All the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme against Fore-stallers, Regraters and Ingrossers, Huxsters and Badgers within the Burrough and Limitts and presincts thereof or happening to come or be within the same.

# 1676

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the sayd Burrough the Seaventh day of February in the Eight & twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Martin Headley, Maior, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Antony Waide, Ald., Willm. Curtis, Willm. Fenton, Adam Hargrave, Robte. Nesse, James Pinckney, Willm. Pickering, Thomas Martin, Thomas Foster, Cristofer Pawson, Seth Pawson, Isaac Blackburne, Joseph Balmer, George Banister, Marke Pickering, Josuah Hill, George Loftus, Thomas Potter & Richard Hetherington, gent.: the rest made default.

Att this Court Zabas [i.e. Jabez] Bentley gent. was duely elected Clarke of the Markett within this Burrough according to the powers given by his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Lres. Patent in that behalfe.

Att this Court it is ordered that the rent referred and payable upon the demise of the Toll within this Burrough bee paid quarterly unto the present Maior, any reservacon in any former demise made thereof to the Contrary notwithstandeing And it is now declared & is intended that in case the Major shall happen to dye or be changed at any tyme within his Mayoralty that he shall have his ratable share of this Rent to the day of his death or such his or her change.

For the better Improvemt. of the Toll within this Burrough It is referred unto Daniel Foxcroft, Edward Atkinson, Cristofer Watkinson, Thomas Dixon, Ald., Thomas Foster, Cristofer Pawson & Joseph Balmer, gent., or the maior pte. of them, to treate with and receave the p'posalls of Michael Idle gent. toucheing that affaire, and of their p'ceedeings herein to certifie the same att the next Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents to beholden for this Burrough.

Att this Court Willm. Pickering, one of the Assistents, was in due forme of Law elected one of the Alderm. & Justice of peace within this Burrough, who being p'sent in Court tooke notice of such his Electon.

Bee it remembred that the Fourth day of March in the Eight & Twentieth yeare of ye Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second, William Pickering gent. did in due forme of Law take ye oathes of Alleigeance & Supremacy and the oath of Abiuracon menconed in a Certaine Act of Parliament (Entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons) and alsoe subscribed the declaracon in the said Act menconed; and alsoe ye oath well & truely to execute the office of one of ye Aldermen and Justices of ye peace within the said Burrough before Christofer Watkinson, Godfrey Lawson, William Hutchinson & Samuel Sykes, Foure of the Aldermen, & Robert Nesse, Christofer Pawson, Isaac Blackburne & Richard Hetherington, foure of ye Comon Councel.

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents holden for ye Said Burrough the sixth day of May in the Eight and Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the second.

Att this Court did appeare Martin Headley, Maior, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Antony Waide, John Killingbeck, William Pickering, Ald., William Curtis, William Fenton, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Joseph Ibbitson, Adam Hargrave, Thomas Martin, Charles Mann, John Hodgshon, Joseph Balmer, George Banister Junr., Josuah Hill, Henry Stanhope and Thomas Potter, gent.: the rest made default.

Upon mature deliberacon had of the reporte of Daniel Foxcroft, Thomas Dixon, Joseph Balmer & others in pursuanc of an order made at a Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the said Burrough the Seaventeenth<sup>1</sup> day of February last, toucheing the demiseing of the Toll of this Burrough It is agreed and soe ordered that a Lease be made of the said Toll unto Michaell Idle of Leedes gent. To have and to hold the same unto him, his Executors, Admrs & Assignes from and after the Ending and Expiracon of a Certaine Lease thereof made of the premises by the Major, Aldermen & Burgesses of the said Burrough unto the said Michael Idle for dureing & untill the full end and Terme of Ten yeares from thence next Ensueing fully to bee compleated and ended: hee the said Michael Idle, his Executors & Admrs, paying therefore yearely and every yeare dureing the said terme unto the Major of ye said Burrough and his successors the yearely Rent of Eighty pounds of Lawfull English money to bee paid quarterly.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistents holden for the Said Burrough the Twenty First day of September in the Eight & Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Martin Headley, Major, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, John Killingbeck, Ald., William Fenton, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Joseph Ibbitson, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Crus. Pawson, Thomas Martin, Thomas Foster, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackburne, John Hodgson, George Banister Junr., Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Richard Hetherington and George Lofthouse, gent.: the rest made default.

Att this Court Ald. Waide & Ald. Killingbeck were appointed as p'sons fittly quallified, ye one whereof to bee Elected to ye office of Maior of this Burrough for the yeare Ensueing on Michalemas day next.

Att this Court Joseph Balmer, one of the Assistents, was in due forme of Law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of peace w'thin this Burrough in the Roome of Alderman Watkinson deced., whereupon it is ordered that the Serieant att Mace doe give him notice of such his Eleccon: and alsoe somon him to be & p'sonally appeare att the Court of Major, Aldermen & Comon Councell to be holden for the said Burrough on Fryday the nyne & Twentieth of this instant September by one of the clock in ye afternoone, to th'end hee may take upon him the office aforesaid.

Att this Court Joseph Ibbitson, one of the Assistants, was in due

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Seventh, not seventeenth; see p. 53.

forme of Law Elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of peace w'thin this Burrough in the Roome of Alderman Atkinson deced. who being present in Court tooke notice of such his Eleccon.

Att this Court Bartholomew Blaides was duely Elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistent of this Burrough, whereupon it is ordered that ye Serieant att Mace doe give him notice of Such his Eleccon and alsoe somon him to bee and p'sonally appeare att the Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistents to bee holden for the said Burrough on Fryday the nyne and Twentieth of this instant September by one of the Clock in the afternoone, to thend hee may take upon him the said office.

Att this Court John Kitchingman was duely elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistent of this Burrough, whereupon it is ordered yt. ye Serieant att Mace doe give him notice of such his Eleccon and alsoe somon him to bee and p'sonally appeare as abovesaid.

Att this Court Richard Hey was duely elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistent of this Burrough, whereupon it is ordered yt. the Serieant att Mace doe give him notice of such his Eleccon: and alsoe somon him to bee & p'sonally appeare as abovesaid.

To th'end the debts due by this Corporacon may be duely adiusted: William Fenton, Thomas Potter, George Banister ye younger and Charles Mann, gent., foure of ye Comon Councell or any three of them are appointed by the Court to consider of the same and to report ye state of this affaire unto the next Court of Major, Aldermen & Comon Councell to beholden for this Burrough ye nyne and Twentieth day of September instant.

Bee it remembred that the Twenty Seaventh day of September in the Eight and Twentieth yeare of ye Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles ye second, Joseph Ibbitson gent. did in due forme of Law take ye oath of alleigiance and Supremacye and ye oath of abjuracon menconed in a certaine Act of parliam<sup>t</sup> (Entituled an Act for regulacon of corporacons) and alsoe subscribed ye dec. in ye said Act menconed and alsoe the oath well & truely to Execute ye office of one of ye Aldermen & justice of peace w'thin ye said Burrough, before Martin Headley, Major, William Hutchinson, Ald., William Fenton, Edward Caddy, Charles Mann, Henry Stanhope, Foure of the Comon Councell.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the said Burrough the Nyne & Twentieth day of September in the Eight & Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the second.

Att this Court did appeare Martin Headley, Major, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Antony Waide, Joseph Ibbitson, Aldermen, William Fenton, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Thomas Martin, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackburne, John Hodgson, Joseph Balmer, George Banister Junr., Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Richard Hetherington, Bartholomew Blaides, John Kitchingman: the rest made default.

Bee it Remembred that the day and yeare abovsaid Bartholomew Blaides and John Kitchingman, gent., did in due forme of Law take ye oaths of Alleigiance & Supremacy and the oath in a certaine Act of Parliament, Entitled an act for the Regulacon of Corporacons, & alsoe subscribed the declaracon and afterwards tooke ye oath well and truely to Execute the office of Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough: before the Maior & Justices of peace and Comon Councell aforesaid.

Att this Court Anthony Waide Esq., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law Elected Major of this Burrough for ye yeare Ensueing, who being present in Court tooke notice of such his Electon.

Att this Court William Calverley was duely elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistant of this Burrough; whereupon it is ordered that ye Serieant att Mace doe give him notice of such his Eleccon and alsoe somon him to bee and p'sonally appeare att ye next Gen'all Quarter Sessions of ye peace to bee holden for the said Burrough on Wednesday the Fourth of October, to th'end he may take upon him ye said office.

The like order for Josuah Ibbitson gent., being Chosen as Assistant.

Bee it Remembred that ye day and yeare abovesaid Joseph Bawmer gent. did in due forme of Law take the oaths of Alleigiance and Supremacy and the oath in a certaine act of Parliament, Entituled an Act for the Regulacon of Corporacons, and alsoe Subscribed the declaracon and afterwards tooke ye oath well & truly to execute the office of Alderman & Justice of Peace w'thin this Burrough before the Major & Justices of peace and Comon Councell aforesaid.

Bee it remembred that the Thirtieth day of October Richard Hey gent. did in due forme of Law take ye oaths of alleigiance & Supremacy and ye oath in a certaine Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup>, Entituled an Act for ye regulacon of Corporacons, and alsoe subscribed ye decl. & afterwards tooke ye oath well and truely to execute the office of Assistant or Comon Councell of this Burrough before Antony Waide, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson & Thomas Dixon, Justices of ye peace wthin the said Burrough.

In pursuance of a former order made at a Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the said Burrough the one & Twentieth day of September in the Eight and Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the second, William Fenton, Thomas Potter, George Banister the younger and Charles Mann, gent., make this retorne (as followeth)

Alderman Hicke for soe much hee disbursed about ye Quo Warrant Tenn shillings;

soe much paid for draweing the Writeings & spent the same tyme when Mr. Idle tooke the Bayliwicke one pound Five shillings; paid Mr. Benson in order to ye p'cureing of two Burgesses for the Corporacon one pound;

to Alderman Hicke which he demainds for Alderman Marshall disbursed about Quo Warrant Ten shillings;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Born 1643, died 2 February 1700.

Alderman Skelton wch. hee disbursed about ye Quo Warrant Ten shillings;

Alderman Atkinson wch. hee disbursed about ye Quo Warrant Ten shillings;

pd. Mr. Benson in order to ye p'cureing two Burgesses one pound; Alderman Lawson wch. hee paid Mr. Dugdell, King att Armes, for takeing notice of ye Charter three pounds Sixe Shillings Eight pence. which hee paid about ye Quo Warrant Ten Shillings;

which hee paid Mr. Benson in order to ye p'cureing of two Burgesses: one pound;

As Execute to Alderman Busfeild by him paid for Quo Warrant and Mr. Benson as above one pound Ten Shillings;

Alderman Hutchinson wch. hee paid Mr. Benson in order for ye p'cureing of two Burgesses and for ye Quo Warrant one pound Twelve Shillings Sixe pence;

Alderman Dixon, Ald. Watkinson, Ald. Armitage, each paid tenn shillings about ye Quo Warrant;

Mr. Headley, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Jos. Ibbitson, Mr. Crus. Pawson, Mr. Mann, Mr. Nesse, Mr. James Netherwood, Mr. Caddy, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Stanhope, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Martin, Mr. Blackburne & Mr. Hodgshon each Five shillings for ye abovesaid charge of the Quo Warrant;

Cash due from ye Corporacon for which Mr. Brogden payes interest Fifty pounds;

Mr. Horneby by order of Court Five pounds Thirteen Shillings and Foure pence;

Alderman Sykes soe much he paid Mr. Pickering for altering the Brass Gallon¹ at London one pound five shillings;

Soe much hee paid for carriage of it, to & from London three Shillings one penny;

Soe much hee paid for altering the Brass Stroake<sup>2</sup> & for a Chaine & Locke for ye Gallon, Sixteene Shillings & six pence;

which hee paid Ald. Lawson which was expended when Balywicke was First lett to Mr. Ide [Idle] Fifteen shillings;

which hee pd. for Ingrosseing the Lease Five shillings;

which hee pd. Mr. Fenton by order of Court one pound Tenn Shillings; paid Mr. Benson and about ye Quo Warrant one pound ten shillings; To Alderman Watkinson the like twenty shillings.

For the due Execucon of an order made att a Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the said Burrough the thirteenth day of September in the foureteenth yeare of his now Maties. Raigne, toucheing the payment of Sixe pounds thirteen shillings and foure pence by each p'son elected to the office of Assistant, and the like sume upon his or their Eleccon to the office of Alderman & Justice of peace, and to the end that the debts of the Corporacon may bee duely satisfied and the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Verification of Standards; see p. 51.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A flat instrument used for "stroking off" the top of a corn measure to ensure that the measure was exactly filled,

Immunitys, rights and priviledges thereof p'tected and preserved It is ordered that Samuel Sykes, one of the Aldermen, bee and is hereby appointed Treasurer of the said Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents; and is hereby authorized and Impowred to take and receave of the p'sons hereafter named and of all other p'son and p'sons that shalbe elected and chosen to the office of Alderman or Assistent the respective sume of Sixe pounds thirteen shillings four pence, and dispose, pay and account for the same as this Court shall order: and directs the p'sons elected to the sayd offices and in arreare are as followeth (to witt):—

		£	s.	d.
John Killingbeck	Alderman	vj	xiij	iiij
Tho: Foster	Assistant	vj	xiij	iiij
Tho: Potter	Assistant	vj	xiij	iiij
Wm. Pickering	Alderman	vj	xiij	iiij
Joseph Balmer	Alderman	vj	xiij	iiij
Joseph Ibbitson	Alderman	vj	xiij	iiij
Bartholomew Blaides	Assistant	vj	xiij	iiii iiij iiij
John Kitchingman	Assistant	vj	xiij	iiij
Richard Heye	Assistant	vj	xiij	iiij
William Calv'ley	Assistant	vj	xiij	iiij
Josuah Ibbitson	Assistant	vj	xiij	iiij

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the said Burrough the Fourth day of November in the Eight and Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the second.

Att this Court did appeare Antony Wade, Major, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, Samuel Sykes, John Killingbeck, William Pickering, Jos:¹ Ibbitson, Aldermen, William Fenton, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Edw. Caddy, Crus. Pawson, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackburne, George Banister Junr., Josuah Hill, Henry Stanhope, George Lofthouse, Bartholomew Blaides, John Kitchingman, Richard Hey, William Calv'ley, Josuah Ibbitson, gent.: the rest made default.

Att this Court James Moxon gent. was in due form of Law Elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistant of this Burrough, Whereupon it is ordered that the Serieant att Mace doe give him notice of such his Elleccon; And alsoe somon him to bee and p'sonally appeare att the next Court to bee holden for the sd. Burrough, To the end hee may take upon him the said office.

To th'end the respective debts adjusted and returned to this Court and due by this Corporacon may bee duely satisfied It is ordered that Alderman Sykes, present Treasurer of the Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants, doe forth of such sume or sumes of money as is already com'd to his handes or hereafter shall come to his handes (as due by any former order to the Corporacon) shall pay to each respective p'son in the schedule hereunto annexed named the sume to them sev'ally due [? the schedule on p. 56] and to take his or their receipts for the same, which is to bee allowed upon the Treasurer's account.

## 1677

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen & assistance [sic] holden for ye said Burrough the Seaventeenth day of April in ye Nyne & Twentieth yeare of ye Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles ye Second.

Att this Court did appeare Antony Waide, Maior, Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, John Killingbeck, William Pickering, Joseph Balmer, Aldermen, William Fenton, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Thomas Martin, Thomas Foster, Isaac Blackburne, George Banister Junr., Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Richard Hetherington, Bartholomew Blaides, John Kitchingman, William Calv'ley, Josuah Ibbitson, Richard Hey, gent.: the rest made default.

Upon readeing of an order, made ye Sixth day of September in ye one and Twentieth yeare of his now Maties. Raigne, toucheing ye defence of a suit brought by Peter Turton agt. Arthur Roome (Collector of ye Toll), it was ordered yt ye same should bee defended att ye Charge of the Corporacon It now appeareing that thirty shillings was expended in ye defence thereof by ye said Arthur Roome, this Court doe desire yt ye Reverend ye Viccar doe pay ye said sume unto ye said Arthur Roome out of ye guift of Mr. William Curtis deced. unto the Corporacon & to take his receipt for ye same, which wilbe allowed in that behalfe.

Att this Court upon due Consideracon had of his Maties. Ltres. Patent & ye powers & authorityes thereby granted for ye weale & benefitt of ye said Corporacon, It was moved (that in respect of ye great comerce & traid yt is exercised in this place & ye Ltres. wch. are thereby necessarily occasioned) yt a fitt & well qualified p'son may have ye carrage & recarrage of all Ltres. from Ferribridge to this Towne & yt ye said Corporacon may from tyme to tyme have ye nominacon & appointemt. of ye said officer in order to wch. Antony Waide, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Martin Headley, Jnº Killingbeck, William Pickering, Joseph Ibbitson, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargraves, George Banister, Henry Stanhope, Richard Hetherington, Isaac Blackburne, Jnº Kitchingman, William Calverley, Josuah Ibbitson (together with the testimonialls of Henry Skelton & Daniel Foxcroft, two of the Aldermen then absent), being the Major pte. of yt Court, did order and agree yt forthwith an Address and applicacon may be made to ye honoble Collonel Wheatley, present Postmr Generall or any other honoble p'son concerned in ye settleing ye postmr wthin, this Kingdome yt ye nominacon & appointemt, of a postmr wthin. Leedes may from tyme to tyme bee settled & granted to ye members of this Court on ye behalfe of ye Corporacon & to yt end Mr. Alderman Haddley [Headley] now present is desired to waite upon Collonel Wheatley & any other honoble p'son who may be concerned humbly to request yt this ye desire of this Court may be granted, and att present itt is further ordered yt William Fenton, one of ye Comon Councel (a p'son whose loyaltie & Alleigeance to his Matie. hath beene Truely asserted) should wth. ye Consent of the said Court (being ye representative of ye whole Burrough) carry and recarry all Ltres. directed for from all & ev'y p'son or p'sons wthin. the said Burrough att ye Charge of the Inhabitants: and thereupon this Court doth humbly present him unto ye honoble. Coll. Wheatley or any other honoble p'son Imployed in yt office, humbly beseeching yt he may be fully authorised to receave att Ferribridge all Ltres. to any p'son wthin, this p'ish directed & likewise to receave all such Ltres, as shalbe sent from hence to Ferrybridge (ye Inhabitants beareing ye charge of this By post) and yt for the future all & ev'y p'son or persons Imployed in this affaire may bee sup'seaded.

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the said Burrough the third day of August in the Nyne & Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second.

Att this Court did appeare Antony Waide, Major, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, William Pickering, Joseph Ibbitson, Aldermen, William Fenton, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargraves, Crus. Pawson, Thomas Martin, Isaac Blackburne, George Banister Junr., Josuah Hill, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, George Lofthouse, John Kitchingman, William Calverley, gent.: the rest made default.

Att this Court Bartholomew Blaides was duely Elected and Chosen one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough, who being present in Court tooke notice of such his Eleccon and also tooke ye oath of Alleigeance & Supremacy, the oath of Abjuracon, Subscribed ye decl. in the Act and after tooke ye oath well & truely to Execute ye office of Assistant or Comon Councell of this Burrough before ye Justices & Comon Councell aforesaid.<sup>1</sup>

The like in the same forme of Law was done & p'formed by Richard Hey.¹

Att this Court James Moxon gent., form'ley Elected & chosen one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough, being duely somoned to appeare to take ye office upon him & haveing notice of his due Electon (as by oath appeareth) yett in contempt thereof did not appeare, whereupon this Court upon Mature delibacon. doe Impose upon him ye sume of Twenty pounds as a Fine or Penalty for such his Contempt and refusall of his office. It is thereupon ordered that ye Serieant & [at] Mace doe forthwth. demand ye sd. sume of twenty pounds and of his p'ceeding therein doe Certifie ye same att the next Court of Maior, Aldermen & Comon Councell to beholden for the said Burrough.

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen & Comon Councel holden for the said Burrough this one and twentieth day of September in the nyne and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the second.

Att this Court did appeare Antony Wade, Maior, Henry Skelton, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, John Killingbeck, Joseph Ibbitson, Willm. Fenton,

<sup>1</sup> Bartholomew Blaides and Richard Hey were elected assistants the 21st September 1676. Blaides took office 29th September 1676 and Richard Hey on the 30th October 1676. See pages 55 and 56. The reason for a second election is not apparent.

James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Thomas Martin, Thomas Foster, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackburne, Geo: Banister Jun., Henry Stanhope, Tho: Potter, Richard Hetherington, George Loftus, Barthol. Blaides, John Kitchingman & Richard Hey.

Att this Court it is ordered that the penaltyes forfeited by the respective Aldermen & Assistants for their non app'ance att this Court be levied accordeing to an order made att a Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the said Burrough the thirteenth day of September in the Fourteenth yeare of his now Maties. Raigne, unles reasonable cause bee shewed to the contrary.

Att this Court Ald. Killingbeck & Ald. Pickering were appointed as p'sons fitly qualified, the one whereof to bee Elected to the office of Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing on Michaelmas day next.

Whereas James Moxon gent., att the Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistents holden the fourth day of November last, was duely elected one of the Comon Councell of the said Burrough and haveing due notice of such his Eleccon did signifie in writeing his desire to bee excused by the Court from service in the said office, and submitted to a reasonable Fyne to bee assessed and Imposed upon him for such his refusall, whereupon and upon mature delibacon had of his submission to a reasonable Fyne att a Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden the third day of August last, a Fine of twenty pounds was imposed upon him for such his refusall, and the Serieant att Mace is hereby ordered to demand the same, and upon his the sayd Mr. Moxon refusall to pay, att or upon Michaelmas day next, that then a precept bee awarded for levyeing the same by distresses & sale of his goods and chattells accordeing to the powers given by his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Lres. Patents in that behalfe.

Att this Court the Eleccon of Mr. Joseph Balmer to the office of Alderman in regard that his receaveing of the holy Sacrament was accordeing to the Rites & divine institucon of holy Church, yett not receaved upon the day comonly called Sunday after divine service and Sermon, accordeing to a late Act of Parliamt. in that behalfe, was conceived and soe declared to bee voyd: whereupon this Court p'ceeded to a new Eleccon, and upon mature consideracon had, this Court did Elect, the said Mr. Balmer to the office of one of the Aldermen & Justices of the peace, who being present in Court tooke notice of such his Eleccon.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the said Burrough ye Nyne & Twentieth day of September in ye Nyne & Twentieth yeare of ye Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles ye Second.

Att this Court did appeare Anthony Waide, Maior, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Martin Headley, Joseph Ibbitson, Ald., William Fenton, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Crus. Pawson, Thomas Martin, Thomas Foster, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackburne, Geo: Banister Jun., Josuah Hill, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Rich: Hetherington, Bartho: Blaides, Josuah Ibbitson & Richard Hey, gent.: ye rest made default.

Att this Court John Killingbeck Esq. (one of ye Aldermen of this Burrough) was in due forme of Law Elected Maior for the yeare Ensueing Whereupon it is ordered yt ye Serieant att Mace doe forthwth. give notice unto ye said Mr. Killingbeck of such his Eleccon and yt hee bee & appeare on Wednesday the third day of October next at ye Comon Hall of the said Burrough by Eleaven of ye Clock in ye aforenoon of ye same day to take his oath well & truely to Execute ye office of Maior accordeing to such his Eleccon & accordeing to ye direccon of the King's ltrs. Patents in that behalfe.

Att this Court it is ordered yt Mr. James Moxon doe upon demande hereof pay unto Alderman Samuel Sykes the sume of Twenty pounds for refuiseing to stande one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough.

Att this Court it is ordered that ye sev'all receipts hereafter menconed bee Entered (to witt) one dated the Eleaventh of October 1675 for ye receipt of Five pounds by the hands of Henry Ellis, Robert Hunter & Robert Butler, another dated ye 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1675 for ye receipt of 2<sup>lb</sup>. 10<sup>s</sup>. 0<sup>d</sup> by the hands of Alderman William Hutchinson, another dated the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 1676 for the like sume, and alsoe another dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of December for the same sume under the hand of ye said Alderman Hutchinson.

Bee it Remembred yt upon ye Fifteenth day of December in ye Nyne & Twentieth yeare of ye Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles ye second Joseph Bawmer gent. (being formerly Elected one of the Aldermen of this Burrough) did in due forme of Law take ye oath of Alleigeance & Supremacy and ye oath in a certaine Act of Parliamt., Entituled an Act for ye Regulacon of Corporacons, and alsoe subscribed ye declaracon in ye said Act menconed, and afterwards tooke ye oath well & truely to Execute ye office of Alderman & Justice of peace within the said Burrough, before William Hutchinson & William Pickering, tow of ye Aldermen, and Henry Stanhope and Richard Hetherington, two of the Comon Councell.

### 1678

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the said Burrough ye Five & Twentieth day of March in ye Thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Kinge Charles ye Second, Annoq. Dom. 1678.

Att this Court did appeare John Killingbeck, Major, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Anthony Waide, William Pickering, Joseph Ibbitson, Aldermen, William Fenton, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargraves, Thomas Foster, Charles Mann, George Banister Jun., Josuah Hill, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Richard Hetherington, George Lofthouse, Bartho: Blaides, John Kitchingman, William Calv'ley, Josuah Ibbitson: ye rest made default.

At this Court Michael Idle was duely Elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough, whereupon it is ordred yt the Serieant att Mace doe give him notice of such his Eleccon and alsoe somon

him to bee and p'sonally appeare att ye next Court of Maior, Aldermen & assistants to bee holden for the said Burrough to th'end hee may take upon him ye said office and alsoe pay ye sume of  $vj^{11}$   $xiij^s$   $4^d$  to ye Treasurer.

The like order for Arthur Todd, being chosen an Assistant.

Whereas att a Court of Maior, Aldermen & assistants holden for the said Burrough ye Fourth day of November in ye Twenty Eight yeare of his now Maties. Raigne, James Moxon gent. was duely Elected to ye office of one of ye Assistants of this Burrough and haveing notice of such his Eleccon did refuise to take upon him ye said office yett Nev'theles submitted to a reasonable Fine for such his refusall: Whereupon & upon mature Consideracon had of ye premisses Att a Court holden ye third day of August last a Fine of Twenty pounds was Imposed and Assessed upon him: Now upon payemt. of ye said 20<sup>11</sup> unto ye Treasurer of this Corporacon this Court (so much as in them lyeth) doth hereby acquitt and discharge ye said Mr. Moxon from any future service in ye office of Churchwarden, Overseer of ye poore, Surveyor of ye highways wthin. ye said Burrough or any other office yt is within ye Cognisance & Jurisdiccon of this Court.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the Said Burrough the Seaventh day of June in the Thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second, Annoq. Dni. 1678.

Att this Court did appeare John Killingbeck, Maior, Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, William Pickering, Joseph Ibbitson, Aldermen, William Fenton, Robert Nesse, James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargraves, Crus. Pawson, Thomas Foster, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackburne, Josuah Hill, Henry Stanhope, Richard Hetherington, John [blank—? Kitchingman], Michael Idle & Arthur Todd: The rest made default.

Whereas his Maties. Gaole for the Burrough aforesaid is much ruinous & in decay (as by the view of his Maties. Justices appeareth) and alsoe whereas a certaine Indictemt. is preferred att ye Assizes holden for the County of Yorke agt. the Inhabitants of the p'ish of Leedes for not repaireing a certaine Laine called Pontefract Layne; for the rep'acon of the one and ye Just managemt. and defence of the other The sume of Twenty pounds was rated and Assessed upon the Inhabitants of the Towne & p'ish of Leedes (to witt) twenty nobles¹ for the repaire of the prison and twenty marks² for traversing the said Indictemt. att the next Assize, the same to bee paid to Alderman Ibbitson.

Att this Court it is ordered that Alderman Pickering, Josuah Hill gent. & Charles Mann gent., or any two of them, doe take the accounts of Samuel Brogden, towne Clarke, of the moneys by him expended and layd out with the fees due to him in that behalfe on the behalfe of the Corporacon or other publiq. busines concerneing the towne or the Officers thereof and to certifice their p'ceedeings herein to th'end such further order may bee made as to Justice d[oth] appertaine.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The noble was 6s. 8d.—Total £6 13s. 4d.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The mark was 13s. 4d.—Total £13 6s. 8d.

Att this Court it is ordered that the late Ov'seers of the poore doe make & yeild upp their accounts unto Mr. Josuah Hill, Mr. Edward Caddy, Mr. Thomas Foster and Mr. Arthur Todd, or to any three of them, of the moneys by them receaved and how disbursed on the behalfe of the poore: who are desired to take the same & of their p'ceedeings herein to certifie the same att the next Gen'all Sessions of the peace to beholden for this Burrough.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the said Burrough the one and twentieth day of September in the thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the second.

Att this Court did appeare John Killingbeck, Maior, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Willm. Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley & Joseph Ibbitson, Alderm., Willm. Fenton, Robte. Nesse, James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargraves, Josuah Hill, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Barthol: Blaides, John Kitchingman, William Calverley & Arthur Todd, Assistents: the rest made default.

Att this Court Aldermen Pickering & Alder. Ibbitson were appointed as p'sons fitly qualified, the one whereof to bee Elected to the office of Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing, on Munday the thirtieth day of September instant.

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the said Burrough the thirtieth day of September in the thirtieth yeare of his Maties. Raigne that now is &c.

Att this Court did appeare John Killingbeck, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Wm. Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, Wm. Fenton, Robte. Nesse, James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Crist. Pawson, Tho: Foster, Isaac Blackburne, Henry Stanhope, Tho: Potter, Richard Hetherington, Geo. Loftus, Barth: Blaides, John Kitchingman, Wm. Calv'ley, Josuah Ibbitson, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd.

Att this Court Alderman Pickering was duely elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing.

### 1679

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the said Burrough ye tenth day of February in the one & Thirtieth yeare of his Maties. Raigne that now is &c.

Att this Court did appeare William Pickering, Maior, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Joseph Ibbitson, Aldermen, William Fenton, Robert Ness, James Pinckney, Adam Hargraves, Christ. Pawson, Isaac Blackburne, George Banister Junr., Jos: Hill, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Rich: Hetherington, George Loftus, Bartho: Blaides, Jno. Kitchingman, Rich: Hey, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Assistants: the rest made default.

Ordered that Alderman Ibbitson account be entered, which followes in these words (to witt)

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Dis	sburst for repaires of ye prison:	l.	s.	d.
	To Cash paid Geo. Fidler for pulling down			
	ye Stares & takeing away ye Rubish & >	О	2	4
	for his drinkeings			
ditto	to Cash pd. for 7 loade Lyme & 6 load	0	5	8
	Sand wth. carriage		)	O
17° & 18° ditto	to Cash pd. Jno. Boothman for himself &	0	5	IO
. 0 0 1:11	man wth. their drinkings		J	
17° & 18° ditto	to Cash pd. Geo. Fidler labourer & for his	0	2	4
	drinkings  To Cook and Lamon Lefferman for 6s of Prioks	0	_	
	To Cash pd. James Jefferson for 6° of Bricks to Cash pd. Jno. Haire for Iron & lead	0	7	0
	to Cash pd. Lawrence Vowle for A ps \	0	T	3
	dable plande <sup>1</sup>	О	I	O
19º ditto	to Cash pd. John Boothman & Fidler &			
	for drinkeings	0	3	О
21º ditto	to Cash pd. Marke Hutton for wood &		,	0
	workmanshipp	О	4	0
	to Cash pd. Rich: Nottingham <sup>2</sup> for drinke	0	0	4
	Hutton men had		•	4
Dishurst att	Vorte touchoing progentant Dentafract I		12	9
Disburst att	Yorke toucheing presentemt. Pontefract L	40	s.	d.
	to Cash pd. Mr. Hesletine for a Coppy of	υ.	٥.	и.
	presentemt.	2	I	0
	To ditto pd. Mr. Thompson Junr.	2	15	0
	to ditto pd. Mr. Brogden wch. hee pd. to		6	8
	ye Marshall		O	0
	to Cash pd. Sr. Tho. Stringer, Sr. Jno.	3	o	0
	Boynton & Mr. Bright	3		Ü
	to Cash pd. att ye Supa 3 of Geo. Loftus	0	8	0
	& Geo. Shewsmith			
	to Cash pd. att ye Supa of Tho. Hard-	О	8	O
	wicke & Will. Barnard to Cash pd. att ye supa of Roger Judgsen			
	& Miles Ellerby	О	8	0
	to Cash pd. att ye supa of Fran. Birkby			
	& Burniston	0	6	0
	to Cash pd. att ye supa of Mich. Bayley	О	4	О
	to Cash pd. to ye Marshall & for a coppye	0	16	6
	ye Jury		10	
	to Cash pd. Mr. Hesletine	0	15	4
	to ditto pd. Tho. Hardwicke for his diet	0	IO	0
	& horse charge			
	to cash pd. Mr. Sam. Day for Myles	0	18	6
	Ellerby & Michaell Bayly dyet & their horses charges	J	10	O
a control de la	to Cash pd. att Mr. Barnards for 4 men's			
*	dyet & for drinke as p. note	I	14	- 8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>? A piece (of wood) double planed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Proprietor of Old King's Arms, Briggate, previously John Harrison's house.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ? Subpoena.

	l.	s.	d.
to Cash him more for their horses & given \		7	0
ye mayde	Ŭ		
to Cash pd. Burniston, Judson, Shew-		_	
smith, Barnard, Birkby, Bayley & Ellerby towards their charges home	0	7	О
to Cash pd. Mr. Hesletine when wee			
Entered into new Recognizance	I	0	О
to Cash spent att Sundrey tymes wth.			
Wittnesses	0	12	0
to Cash for myselfe & horse charges 9 dayes	2	О	О
	20	10	5
Creditor.			
By Cash recd. from Tho. Richmond, Jos.			
Butler, Ambrose Ambler, Joseph Yeo-	<b>T</b> 0		0.0
man, Rob. Pickersgill & Jos. Jackson, Constables Leedes towne, Kirkgate &	10	17	00
Mayneridding			
By Cash recd. from Jno. Hemsworth			
Const. Pottr Newton	00	12	02
By ditto recd. Wm. Renton, Const.			-6
Chappell Allerton	01	04	00
By ditto recd. Roger Sanghill, Const.	O.T.	00	02
Headingley cu. B.	OI	00	03
By ditto recd. Tho. Robinson, Conste.	00	ΙI	00
Armley Sand The Western Countries			
By ditto recd. Tho. Watson, Constable,	00	13	03
Wortley By ditto recd. Sam. Musgrave, Const.			
Farneley	00	12	05
By ditto recd. from Jno. Thompson,			
Const. Hunslett	00	19	00
By Cash recd. Tho. Shipton, Const.	т.	_	6
Holbecke	00	Э	U
By ditto recd. Miles Dawson, Const.	00	т6	5
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Bramley			
Osmondthorpe Coldcoates			
Skelton			
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	l.	S.	d.
Leeds 22th January		II	
Ballance due	I	18	11
Joseph Ibbetson <sup>1</sup>	20	IO	5

Upon due Consideration had by this Court of the great Proffit and Advantage which may accrue to ye Towne & Burrough of Leedes and ye Inhabitants thereof by makeing ye River of Aire Navigable or Usefull to carry & recarry goods & Marchandiz by Boates to and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This appears to be an actual signature. Observe he spells it "Ibbetson," although almost invariably he is entered as "Ibbitson."

from Knottingley & soe on to Hull, and whereas sev'all Discourses have been made how it may be Effected in some Measure, the present Major of this Corporation willing to doe what possible hee can for ye good of ye said Corporation hath propounded to this Court to pich upon some Generall Undertaker & hath likewise propounded to every particular person or Member of this Court to bee ye Said Undertaker if they soe please, & upon Refusall of all ye Members: Rather than ye Busines should not goe on, ye present Major, Wm. Pickering, is willing out of Kindnesse to the Corporation to bee ye Sole Undertaker or to finde such a Fit p'son or number of p'sons as may undertake ye same, provided yt ye said Undertaker or Undertakers shall have ye Countenance & all due encuragement from this Court & soe as to exclude all other undertakers whatsover, And further that ye sd. undertaker or undertakers shallbee att ye sole charge & shall receve the whole Proffit & Benefit ariseing thereby for the Carrying or Conveying of all goods & Merchandize to him or them or to his or their Heires for ever, And this Court doth hereby accordinglye Confirme, Ratifie & Establish ye said William Pickering Sole Undertaker in this Busines: accordeing to the Condicions above specifyed so farre as is in ye Power of this Court or of any of ye Members thereof.

For the discharge of ye inhabitants of ye p'ish of Leedes from payemt. of Toll, According to his Maties. Charter & sev'all decrees in that behalfe made & for ye defence of A Suit brought in yt behalfe by the Inhabitants of Wakefeild, and alsoe for ye discharge of the Inhabitants of this p'ish from a Certaine Presentemt. touching Pontefract Layne, it is ordered yt Fiftie Pounds bee rated, taxed and assessed upon ye Inhabitants of the said p'ish, which is to bee forthwith assessed, collected & gathered and ye same payd unto Alderman Ibbitson att or before ye Sixth day of March next for the purposes aforesaid.

Att this Court Alderman Sykes is continued Treasurer, to act and doe as by former orders in that behalfe made: and alsoe hee is desired to call in the tenn pounds resting in the handes of Marmaduke Cooke, Dcor. in Divinity, and given to this Corporacon by Mr. Wm. Curtis deceased.

Ordered that if James Netherwood, one of the Assistants of this Burrough, doe resigne or otherwise yeild upp his place, so as the Court may bee capacitated to Elect another, that then upon such Eleccon, and the p'ty. takeing such office upon him, the twent[y] Nobles form'ly paid by the sd. James Netherwood be repaid him.

Att this Court it is ordered yt Alderman Sykes, present Treasurer, doe pay unto Alderman Dixon the sume of Thirty Foure shilling & take his receipt for ye same, wch. is to bee allowed upon his account, & upon payemt. thereof ye Said Mr. Dixon is to retorne & deliver upp the scarlet gowne wch. was left by Mr. Danby unto ye present Maior of this Burrough.<sup>1</sup>

Att this Court it is ordered that the Charter of this Burrow the next Easter tearme, or some other tearme after, be Enroled in his Maties. Court of Excheqr. att Westmer att the charge of this Corporacon with thee Strike [? copy] thereof, And that Alderman Headley be imployed to see the same don, whoe formerly p'ferred [proffered]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> I.e. the Mayor for the time being.

to gett the sayd Charter Enroled for twenty markes But to th'end the same may be cairefully & effectually done This Court doe order and agree that the sayd Mr. Headley shall have Fifteene poundes payd him for the doeing thereof.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Bee it remembred that the fower and twentieth day of May in the one and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord King Charles the Second, by the Grace of god over England &c. King, George Banister gent. did in due forme of law take the oathes of allegiance and supremacy and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament, entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons, and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act and afterwards tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Comon Clerke or Clerke of the peace for the Burrough of Leeds before Henry Skelton and Thomas Dixon, Esqrs., two of his Mats. Justices of the peace for the said Burrough.

Memorand. that the twelfth day of July in the yeare aforesaid Thomas Leigh, Attorney att law, did likewise in due forme of law take the oathes and subscribe the declaracon above menconed and did alsoe take the oath well and truely to execute the office of deputy towne Clerke or Clerke of the peace for the said Burrough before the Justices aforesaid.

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the said Burrough ye Sixteenth day of June in the one & Thirtieth yeare of his Maties. Raigne that now is.

Att this Court did appeare William Pickering, Maior, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Anthony Waide, John Killingbeck, Joseph Balmer, Aldermen, William Fenton, James Netherwood, Robert Ness, James Pinckney, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Crus. Pawson, Thomas Foster, Isaac Blackburne, John Hodgson, George Banister Junr., Joshua Hill, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Richard Hetherington, George Lofthouse, Bartho: Blaids, William Calverley, Rich. Hey, Michael Idle & Arthur Todd, Assistants: ye rest made default.

Att this Court it is ordered that Alderman Samuel Sykes, present Treasurer to this Corporacon, doe upon notice of this order pay unto Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson the sume of Nyne pounds & take her receipt for the same, wch. sume was expended in treateing Judge Dolbin & is to bee allowed upon his accounts.

Att this Court James Netherwood did voluntarily resigne & yeild upp his office or place of one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough; whereupon this Court did p'ceed to an new Eleccon, and thereupon did Elect and chuse in his Roome & place Mr. Thomas Kitchingman to ye office of one of ye Comon Councel or Assistants of this Burrough: Whereupon it is ordered yt ye Serieant att Mace doe

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See p. 74.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Wardell does not give this appointment in his list of Town Clerks. Samuel Brogdon, the previous holder, was buried 22 May 1679. The entry in the Leeds Parish Church Register reads: "Mr. Samuel Brogden of ye Bore laine, Clerk of Court."

give him notice of such his Elleccon and alsoe somon him to bee and p'sonally appeare att ye next Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants to bee holden for the said Burrough to th'end hee may take upon him ye said office, according to such his Elleccon.

Memorandu. att this Court it was put to ye vote by the Maior whether ye Eleccon of an Alderman & Comon Councell man should bee made accordeing to ye Mannor of the Eleccon of the Maior, viz. yt every Member may name who hee pleases & vote for whom hee pleases But soe yt those two p'sons who have the most voices bee accounted onely as lights and those two voted over againe att ye same Court by wch. meanes one of ye two must necessarely have ye maior vote of the whole Court. But this vote was carried in ye negative.

Bee it remembred yt upon ye twenty Third day of August in ye one & thirt[ieth] yeare of ye Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles ye Second, Thomas Kitchingman gent. (being formerly Elected one of ye Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough) did in due forme of Law take ye oaths of Alleigiance & Supremacy and ye oath well & truely to Execute ye office of one of ye Comon Councell or Assistants wthin the said Burrough Before William Pickering, Maior, & Willm. Hutchinson Esqr. and Robert Ness, Adam Hargraves & William Calverley, three of the Comon Councell.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the two and twentieth day of September in the one and thirtieth yeare of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare William Pickering, Major, Henry Skelton, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley and Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen, William Fenton, Robert Nesse, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Christopher Pawson, Thomas Foster, Isaac Blackburne, George Banister inr., Joshua Hill, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Potter, Richard Hetherington, George Lofthouse, Bartholomew Blaides, John Kitchingman, William Calverley, Joshua Ibbetson, Richard Hey, Michael Idle and Arthur Todd, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Alderman Bawmer and Alderman Skelton were appointed as p'sons fittly qualified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing on Monday the twenty nynth day of September instant.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> it is likewise ordered that Alderman Sykes and Alderman Bawmer, Richard Hetherington and Thomas Potter, gent., or any three of them, are desired to take the accounts of Alderman Headley of all moneys by him received upon the account of the Corporacon and how the same are disburst and to make retorne of theire p'ceeded [sic] herein to the Co<sup>rt</sup>.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> it is ordered that Mrs. Sarah Brogdon, the widdow and Relict of Mr. Samuel Brogdon, deceased, doe upon notice hereof deliver upp to the Co<sup>rt</sup> all the bookes, Records, writeings and papers relateing to or concerning the Corporacon wch. were in the possession of her late husband and are now in her possession, and upon failure herein this Co<sup>rt</sup> will take such order for recovery hereof as shalbe agreeable to law and Justice.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the nyne and twentieth day of September in the one and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare William Pickering, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, Anthony Waide and John Killingbeck, Aldermen, William Fenton, Robert Nesse, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Christopher Pawson, Thomas Foster, Isaac Blackburne, George Banister inr., Joshua Hill, Thomas Potter, Bartholomew Blaides, John Kitchingman, Joshua Ibbotson, Richard Hey, Michael Idle and Arthur Todd, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Joshua Bawmer Esqr., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected Major for the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing, whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe forthwth. give notice to the said Mr. Bawmer of such his electon And alsoe that he sumon him to be and appeare at the next gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on Wednesday the eight day of October next comeing, there to take upon him the said office according to the directon of his Mats. letters Patents in that behalfe.

Whereas William Curtis gent., deceased, late one of the Assistants of this Corporacon, by his last will and testamt did give and bequeath to this Corporacon the some of tenn pounds, which said some is resting and remaining in the hands of Marmaduke Cooke, Dcor. in Divinity, and by order of this Cort hath bene demanded of him, but he the said Mr. Cooke upon such demand doth crave alloweance for the some of two pounds one shilling and six pence laid out and disbursed by Edward Atkinson Esqr., deceased, late one of the Alderman of this Corporacon, and father in law to the said Dcor. Cooke, for the discharge of some freeholders from theire attendance to serve Jurors betweene p'ty and p'ty att the Assizes held for the County of Yorke, whereupon att this Cort it was moved and debated whether or not the said some of two pounds one shilling and six pence should be allowed to the said Dcor. Cooke, and upon mature deliberacon had of the premisses this Cort doe fully declare and thinke fitt that the said some of two pounds one shilling and six pence should not be allowed to the said Dcor. Cooke, but doe order and appoint that the said some of tenn pounds shalbe once more demanded of the said Dcor. Cooke, and if upon such demande he shall refuse or delay to pay the same into the hands of Alderman Sykes, treasurer, that then such p'ceedings shalbe had and made against the said Dcor. Cooke for the recovery thereof in the name of the said Corporacon as shalbe agreeable to law and Justice.

Whereas att a Co<sup>rt</sup> of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the tenth day of February last past it was ordered that if James Netherwood, one of the Assistants of this Burrough, did resigne or otherwise yeild upp his said place so as the Co<sup>rt</sup> might be capacitated to elect annother, that then upon such electon and the p'ty takeing such office upon him the twenty nobles form'ly paid by the said James Netherwood should be repaid him As by the said order may appeare, In pursuance whereof the said James Netherwood att a Co<sup>rt</sup> holden the sixteenth day of June last past did resigne and yeild

upp his said place and att the same Co<sup>rt</sup> Mr. Thomas Kitchingman was elected and Chosen one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of the said Burrough in the roome and place of the said James Netherwood, who hath since taken upon him the said office, whereupon att this Co<sup>rt</sup> it is ordered that the said Mr. Kitchingman upon notice hereof doe pay unto Mr. Alderman Sykes, treasurer, the some of twenty nobles, who upon receipt thereof is desired to pay the same unto the said James Netherwood and to take his acquittance, which shalbe a sufficient discharge unto the said Mr. Sykes in that behalfe.

Memorand. that the thirteenth day of October in the one and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of god over England &c. King, Samuel Greenewoode was sworne deputy Constable to the Constables of Leedes towne before Joseph Bawmer Esqr., Major.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the said Burrough ye Seaventeenth day of November in the one & Thirtieth yeare of ye Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the second, by the Grace of God over England &c. King.

Att this Court did appeare Joseph Bawmer, Maior, Henry Skelton, Daniel Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, John Killingbeck and William Pickering, Aldermen, William Fenton, Adam Hargraves, Robert Ness, George Lofthouse, Edward Caddy, Isaac Blackburn, John Hodgson, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, George Banister Jnr., Joshua Hill, Thomas Potter, Bartho: Blaides, Jno. Kitchingman, Richard Hey, Willm. Calverley, Joshua Ibbitson, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd & Thomas Kitchingman, Assistants: ye rest made default.

Att this Court Robert Chippen gent. was duely Elected and chosen one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough in ye Roome & place of James Pinckney, deced., whereupon it is ordered yt ye Serieant att Mace do give him notice of such his Eleccon & alsoe somon him to bee and p'sonally appeare att ye next Sp'iall Sessions of the peace to bee holden for ye said Burrough on Munday ye first of December next to the End hee may take upon him the said office, and alsoe pay the sume of Sixe pounds, Thirteen shillings Foure pence to Alderman Samuel Sykes, present Treasurer to this Corporacon.

The like order for Mr. William Massie, being chosen an Assistant in the roome of Richard Hetherington gent., deceased.

Att this Court Mr. William Fenton did voluntarily resigne & yeild upp his office or place of one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough: whereupon this Court did p'ceed to an new Elleccon: & thereupon did elect & chuse in his Roome & place Mr. William Rookes to ye office of one of ye Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough: whereupon it is ordered yt ye Serieant att Mace doe given him notice of such his Eleccon & alsoe somon him to bee & p'sonally appeare att the next Sp'iall Sessions of ye peace to bee holden for ye said Burrough on Munday the First of December next, to ye End hee may take upon him ye said office & alsoe pay ye sume of Sixe pounds thirteen shillings Four pence to ye present Treasurer of this Corporacon.

Att this Cort William Fenton gent, was elected to the office of Ser-

jeant att Mace for this Burrough, to continue and exercise the same office (q. diu se bene gesserit).

Att this Court it is ordered that ye account of Alderman Lawson toucheing the guift of Capt. Thomas Ambler & Alderman Christofer Watkinson to the poore of Leedes be Entred, wch. followes in these words (to witt)

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To money paid John Todd as p. note		II	
To money paid William Hirst as p. note		15	
To money paid William Graham as p. note	02	05	об
To John Mangham as p. note		15	
To money for dressing ye Hall & carrying			
away of the rubbish	00	OI	06
1678: 25 <sup>th</sup> March to money paid Mr. Joseph Dixon for			
which hath Bond of the said Dixon &			
Alderman Thomas Dixon; ye said sume	50	00	00
lent was by the appbacon [approbation] of			
ye then Maior & most of ye Aldermen			
1679: 17th November to money paid to the present Maior,			
in ye presence of the Aldermen & Comon			
Councell, alsoe deliverd Mr. Dixon's Bond	II	10	10
to the Court			
j			
Cym			
$ ext{Sum}_{ ext{out}} =  ext{Sum}_{ ext{out}} =  ext{Sum}_{ ext{out}}$	71	00	00
p. Contra Creditor			
p. money received which Capt. Thomas		٠.,	
Ambler, late of Leeds, left to be disposed of		7 -	
for the use of the poore of Leedes as	30	00	00
Alderman Atkinson, Alderman Watkinson	5		
& Godfrey Lawson should thinke fitt			
p. money for interest of the said 301 itt was lent	- 0		
To ye Comitte for pious uses 10 yeares att	18	00	00
Sixe p. Cent is			
p. the Executors of ye late Alderman Watkin-			
son wch. hee left to ye poore of Leedes to	20	00	00
bee disposed of as ye Maior & Aldermen	40.	00	00
pleased to appoint			
1679: 26th March p. Mr. Joseph Dixon for twelve months'			
interest of Fifty pounds att Sixe p. Cent is	03	00	00
p. Cont is j			
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$\mathbf{c}$			
Sum tot.	142	00	00

# Godfrey Lawson.<sup>1</sup>

Att this Cort Alderman Godfrey Lawson did make and yeild upp an account of the moneyes left by Captaine Thomas Ambler and Alderman Christopher Watkinson, deceased, to the poore of the towne of Leedes as by the said account entred whereunto reference being had more fully may appeare: and desired to be acquitted and discharged of and from the burthen and trust thereof and that the said moneyes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not a signature.

for the future might be in the disposall of the Major, Aldermen and Assistants for the tyme being: wch. request of the said Mr. Lawson this Cort doth thinke reasonable and doe accept of and declare the said account to be a just and p'fect account And thereupon doe order that the said Mr. Lawson be acquitted and discharged of and from the burthen and trust of the said charitable guifts. And that the same for the future shalbe in the managemt. of the Major, Aldermen and Assistants for the tyme being to be disposed of as they in theire discrecon and Judgmt. shall thinke meete and convenient according to the intent of the donors above menconed.

### 1680

The Court of Major and Aldermen holden for the Burrough aforesaid the eight day of March in the two and thirtieth years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Cort did appeare Joseph Bawmer, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Anthony Waide, John Killingbeck and William Pickering, Aldermen: the rest made default.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Samuel Brogdon<sup>1</sup> gent. was in due forme of law elected Coronor for the Burrough aforesaid according to the directons and by vertue of his Mats. letters Patents in that behalfe granted to the said Burrough.

Memorand. that the tenth day of March in the yeare abovesaid Samuel Brogdon gent, did in due forme of law take the oathes of Allegiance and supremacy and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parlimt., entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons, and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act and then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Coronor wthin, the Burrough aforesaid before Joseph Bawmer Esqr., Major, and others.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen & Assistants holden for ye Burrough aforesaid the Twentieth day of March in the two & Thirtieth Yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles ye Second, by ye Grace of God over England &c. King.

Att this Court did appeare Joseph Bawmer, Maior, Marmaduke Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, and John Killingbeck, Aldermen, Robert Ness, Henry Stanhope, George Banister Junr., Thomas Potter, Joshua Hill, Bartholomew Blaides, Joshua Ibbitson, Richard Hey, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Robert Chippen, Edward Caddy & Isaac Blackburne, Assistants: ye rest made default.

Att this Court it is ordered yt Sr. William Dolben, Knt., one of ye Justices of his Maties. Court of King's Bench, and Sr. Edward Atkins, Knt., one of the Barrons of his Maties. Court of Excheqr., bee received & entertayned att the charge of the Corporacon: which charge Alderman Sykes, treasurer, is desired to pay out of the Comon Stocke, wch, is to bee allowed the said Mr. Sykes upon his account.

Not to be confused with Samuel Brogden, former Town Clerk. (See note on p. 68.)

Whereas by order of Court ye some of Fifteene pounds was paid into ye hands of Alderman Headley to p'cure [procure] ye Charter of this Burrough to bee enrolled in his Maties. Court of Excheqr. att Westmer. [Westminster], of which said some of fifteene pounds the said Mr. Headley disbursed and laid out onely two pounds twelve shillings & sixe pence as appeares by ye account of ye said Mr. Headley: It is thereupon ordered yt the said Mr. Headley doe upon notice hereof pay unto ye hands of Alderman Sykes, Treasurer, ye some of twelve pounds, seven shillings & six pence, being ye remainder of the Said fifteene pounds, and resting in his hands.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the seaventeenth day of May in the two and thirtieth years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Joseph Bawmer, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, Anthony Waide and John Killingbeck, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Isaac Blackburne, Henry Stanhope, Joshua Hill, Bartholomew Blaides, Richard Hey, William Calverley, Arthur Todd, Robert Chipping, William Massye and William Rooke, Assistants: the rest made default.

Whereas Joseph Ibbitson, one of the Aldermen and Justices of the peace of this Burrough, hath for the space of twelve months by past and upwards neglected to appeare att the sev'all Courts holden by the Major, Aldermen & Assistants wthin, that tyme for the Burrough aforesaid, then & there to give his advice and Assistance for the good gov'mt. & advantage of the said Burrough, Notwithstanding due somons given him of such Courts holden, and shewed noe reasonable cause in Excuse thereof, And alsoe by the like tyme hath neglected to Execute the office of Justice of Peace within the said Burrough according to the duety of his place & trust; whereupon it is ordered yt the Serjeant att Mace doe somon the said Mr. Ibbitson to bee and appeare att the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to bee holden for this Burrough, to shew cause why he hath not appeared att the said sev'all Courts and alsoe why hee hath not Executed ye office of Justice of Peace dureing the tyme aforesaid, and in default of his appearance this Court will make such further p'ceedes herein as shalbe agreeable to Law and Justice.

Bee it remembred att this Co<sup>rt</sup> a letter was produced and read, subscribed by sev'all of the Lords and others of his Maties. hono<sup>ble</sup> Privy Councell, directed to the Cheife Magistrates of this Corporacon, thereby enjoyneing and requireing a speedy account to be given to his Maty. att his Maty. Councell Board whether or noe the Act of Parliament made in the thirteenth yeare of his now Matys Raigne (entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons) had bene from tyme to tyme strictly putt in execucon wthin, the said Corporacon and the same had bene duely observed by all and every the members thereof in relacon to the takeing of the Sacrament and the oathes thereby required to be taken and the subscripcon of the declaracon therein menconed as by the said in pte. [part] recited letter amongst other things therein con-

tayned, whereunto reference being had more fully may appeare, which said letter followeth in these words, viz:—

After our hearty comendacons "whereas by an Act made in the thirteenth yeare of his Matys. Raigne Entituled an 'Act for the well governing and regulateing of Corporacons' It is amongst other things enacted that all p'sons who upon the 24th day of December 1661 should be Majors, Aldermen, Recorders, Bayliffes, Towne Clarkes, Comon Councell men or other p'sons then beareing any office of Magistracy or places of Trust or other Employment relateing to or concerneing ye Government of ye respective Cittys, Corporacons and Burroughs & Cinque Ports & there members and other Port Townes wthin, the Kingdome of England, dominion of Wales and Towne of Barwick Upon Tweed, shall take ye oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy and likewise an oath declareing & beleiveing it unlawfull upon any pretence whatsoever to take armes agt. the King, and shall also publickly subscribe a declaracon agt. ve Solemne League & Covenant (the formes of which last menconed Oath & declaracon are conteyned in ye body of ye Said Act) and whereas it is therein further Enacted That no p'son or p'sons Shall for ever bee placed or chosen in or to any ye offices aforesaid That Shall not within one yeare next before such Eleccon & choice have taken ye Sacrament according to the rites of ye Church of England and shall likewise take ye aforesaid three oaths and subscribe the Said declaracon att ye same tyme that the oath for ye due Execucon of ye said places & offices respectively shalbe administred (it being p'vided by the Said Act) that every p'son who shalbe placed in any Corporacon Shall upon his admission take ye oaths usually taken by members of Such Corporacon and in default thereof every such placeing or eleccon is thereby Enacted & declared to be voyd: And whereas it is further enacted by the said Statute that ye Said three oaths & declaracon shalbe from tyme to tyme administred & tendred to such p'son & p'sons who by the true meaneing of the said Act or any clause therein conteyned are to take ye same; by such p'son or p'sons respectively who by ye Charters or Usages of ye said Respective Citys, Burroughs & Corporacons &c. ought to Administer the oaths for the due Executeing the said places & offices or in default of such by two Justices of ye peace of the said Cittys, Burroughs and Corporacons &c., if any such there be, or otherwise by two Justices of ye peace of ye respective Countys where ye said Cittys, Corporacons, Burroughs &c. are, And Whereas it is further Enacted by ye aforesaid Statute that ye p'sons thereby authorised to Administer the said Oaths and tender the said Declaracon shall cause memorandums or entryes to bee made of all Oaths taken before them and subscripcons made as aforesaid and deliver the same once a yeare to ye respective Towne Clerkes or other Register or Clerke of the said respective Cittys, Corporacons and Burroughs &c. who shall cause ye same to bee Fairely Entred into the Bookes or Registers belonging to the said respective Cittys, Corporacons & Burroughs, And Wherefore his Matie. att this Board haveing taken into Consideracon of what great importance it is to ye Publick Peace of ye Kingdome in Generall as well as to ye orderly and quiet governemt, of each

Citty, Corporacon & Burrough, And in p'ticuler Wee doe in his Maties. name hereby require you withall convenient speed to give an acct. to his Matie. att this Board whether the said Act hath been duely put in Execucon from tyme to tyme within yor Corporacon of Leeds and whether memorandums or Entrys have been keept of the same as by the said Act is directed. And further yt yw take effectuall care yt ye matters conteyned in ye said Act bee strictly put in execucon for the Future in relacon to ye takeing of ye Sacrament and the Oaths thereby required to bee taken and the subscripcon of ye said Declaracon and the Keepeing of Entrys of ye same, of which wee Expect a punctuall account and observance from yow: And yw are alsoe carefully to Examine whether all such as have beene allready chosen into any place or office or Magistracy or trust or other employment relateing to or concerning ye Governemt, of yor Said Corporacon of Leedes have taken ye Sacrament and the said Oaths & Subscribed the said Declaracon as by ye said Act is required & directed and yt if yow finde any who have failed therein that you Forthwith cause ev'y such p'son to be removed according to ye directon of the Said Statute whereby the Election of any p'son not takeing the Sacrament & the oaths aforesaid and subscribeing ve Decl. is Enacted & declared to bee And you are likewise to retorne ye names of such p'sons who, haveing accepted of any elections to ye places aforesaid and have not taken ve Sacrament and Oaths and Subscribed the Declaracon aforesaid, have yett presumed to Sitt or Act in any of ye said places, And you are required of all yor p'ceedings herein to give a Just & true account to his Matie. att this Board from tyme to tyme And soe wee bid yw heartily farewell from ye Court at Whitehall the First day of May 1680.

For his Matys. service

To our loveing friends the Cheife Magistrates of the Corporacon of Leeds in

Yorkeshire

Worcester
Bathe
H. London
J. Ernle
L. Jenkins
Thomas Dolman

Whereupon att this Co<sup>rt</sup>, after due consideracon had of the premisses and upon strict search, examinacon and enquiry of and into the Records, memorandums and entryes of the said Corporacon, an answer to the said letter was agreed upon and ordered to be sent, and was accordingly sent away, which said answer follows in these words:—

May it please yr. Lord<sup>pps</sup>. Leeds 26<sup>th</sup> May 1680. Wee his Mat<sup>s</sup> most humble Subjects the present Major and Aldermen for the Corporacon of Leeds in the County of Yorke haveing received an order from certaine of y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>pps</sup> beareing date the fifth day of May instant, reciteing some heads of the Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> made in the thirteenth yeare of his most gracious Mat<sup>s</sup> Raigne entituled an Act for the well governing and regulateing of Corporacons And enjoyneing and requireing us in his Mat<sup>s</sup> name to give a speedy account to his Mat<sup>y</sup> att his Mat<sup>s</sup> Councell Board whether or not the said Act hath bene from tyme to tyme duely putt in execucon wthin the said Corporacon And whether memorandums or entryes have bene kept of the same according to the

said Act: In obedience thereunto doe certifie that the said Act from tyme to tyme hath bene duely putt in execucon within the said Corporacon according to the true intent and meaneing thereof And that the Majors, Recorder, Aldermen, Comon Councell, Towne Clerke and his deputy and all and every the members of and belonging to the said Corporacon bearing, or who since the said Act have borne any office of Magistracy or places of trust or other imploymt, relateing to or concerning the government thereof have att the tyme of theire takeing the oath of theire respective offices in due forme of law likewise taken the oathes of Allegiance and sup'macy and the oath required by the said statute, and likewise have subscribed the declaracon therein menconed And alsoe have taken the Sacrament of the Lords supper according to the Rites of the Church of England wthin one yeare next before the eleccon of every of them into theire sev'all offices and employmt. aforesaid, and that memorandums and entryes have bene made duely of the oathes soe taken and subscripcons soe made wch. have bene entred into the bookes or Registers of the said Corporacon according to the Act aforesaid And wee doe assure yor Lordpps that wee will att all tymes take effectuall care for the peace & obedience of this place And that all the matters and things contayned in the said Act be strictly putt in execucon wthin the said Corporacon All wch. wee beseech yor Lordpps to imparte to the King's most excellent Maty. whome god long preserve to the end his Maty. and Councell may receive full satisfaccon herein.

## please yor Lordpps

Yor Lord<sup>pps</sup> most humble Servant

two of the Aldermen now att London and one beyond Sea soe as they could not

subscribe this letter.

Wm. Hutchinson Samuel Sykes Anthony Waide John Killingbeck

To the Lords and others of his Mats. most honoble Privye Councell sitting att Whitehall these

humbly p'sent."

Jo. Bawmer, Major Hen. Skelton Daniel Foxcroft Marma. Hick Godfrey Lawson Thomas Dix[on]

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the eight and twentieth day of June in the two and thirtieth years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Joseph Bawmer, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes and Joseph Ibbetson, Aldermen, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Isaack Blackburne, Henry Stanhope, George Banister iun., Joshua Hill, Thomas Potter, Bartholomew Blaides, John Kitchingman, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, Robert Chipping, William Massie and William Rooke, Assistants: the rest made default.

Memorand. that the nyneteenth day of June in the two and thirtieth

yeare of his said Mats. Raigne John Ramsden and Henry Marsden, Esgrs., two of his Mats. Lieutennts. wthin, the West Rydeing of the County of Yorke by appoyntment and directon of the right honoble the Earle of Burlington, Lord Lieutennt. of the said West Rydeing, came to towne and p'duced an order from sev'all of the Lords and others of his Mats. most honoble Privy Councell directed to the said Lord Lieutennt. thereby requesting his Lordpp to repaire to this Corporacon or by some other meanes to enforme himselfe whether or noe the Act of Parliament made in the thirteenth yeare of his now Mats. Raigne (entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons) had bene from tyme to tyme duly putt in execucon by all and every of the members of the said Corporacon in relacon to the takeing of the Sacrament and the oathes thereby required to be taken and the subscripcon of the declaracon therein menconed as by the said Act is required and of such his p'ceedings to give an account to his Maty, and Councell att his Mats. Councell Board: Whereupon that his Lordshipp might be rightly enformed in the premisses and be thereby enabled to give his Maty, and Councell full and cleare satisfaccon herein it was ordered att this Cort that an attest should be drawn upp to be presented to the said Mr. Ramsden and Mr. Marsden and by them to the said Lieutennt. in the name of the said Corporacon and to be subscribed, wch. accordingly was drawne upp, subscribed and presented as followeth:—" Wee whose names are hereunder written, being the present Major, Aldermen and Assistants wthin. the said Burrough of Leedes in the County of Yorke, in the name of our selves p'ticulerly and alsoe of the said Corporacon universally, doe hereby certifie The Right Honoble the Earle of Burlington, Lord Lieutennt. of the West Ridd. of the said County of Yorke and John Ramsden and Henry Marsden, Esgrs., two of his Maties. Deputy Lieutennts. of the same Rydeing, That wee and every of us sev'ally att the tyme of takeing the oath of our respective offices wthin. the said Corporacon did like.... in due forme of Law severally take the oath of Allegiance and Supremacy and the oath menconed in an Act of Parliamt., Entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons, and Subscribe the declaracon menconed in the said Act, and alsoe did take the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the usage of the Church of England, within one yeare next before our severall Eleccons into our said places according to the true intent and meaning of the said Act, And wee doe further certefie that some p'sons being elected members into the said Corporacon upon their refusall to take the said Oaths and Subscribe the Said Declaracon menconed in the said Act. att the tyme of the administring the oath of their office to them, their elections and places were adjudged ipso facto void as if the same had never been made accordeing to the directons of the Said Act: All which wee humbly certefie and attest the same severally under our hands att the said Court holden the said xxviij day of June in the xxxijth yeare of his Said Mats. Raigne Annoq. dni 1680:

Joseph Bawmer, Major.
Henry Skelton
Daniel Foxcroft
Marmaduke Hicke
Godfrey Lawson
Thomas Dixon
William Hutchinson

Aldermen

Samuel Sykes Anthony Waide John Killingbecke Joseph Ibbitson

Aldermen

Thomas Potter Adam Hargrave Bartho: Blaides Robert Nesse John Kitchingman George Lofthouse Richard Hey Crus. Pawson Joshua Ibbitson Edward Caddy Assistants Assistants Arthur Todd Isaac Blackburne John Hodgson Thomas Kitchingman Henry Stanhope Robert Chippinge William Massie Thomas Foster William Rooke George Banister Junr. Joshua Hill

**The Court** of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the third day of September in the Two and Thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God over England &c. King.

Att this Court did appeare Joseph Bawmer, Maior, Marmaduke Hicke, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley and William Pickering, Aldermen; Adam Hargraves, Robert Nesse, Edward Caddy, Henry Stanhope, Joshua Hill, Thomas Potter, Richard Hey, William Calverley, Joshua Ibbitson, Michael Idle, William Massie and William Rooke, Assistants: the rest made default.

The Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the one & Twentieth day of September in the Two and Thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God over England &c. King.

Att this Court did appeare Joseph Bawmer, Maior, Henry Skelton, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley & William Pickering, Aldermen; Adam Hargraves, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Edward Caddy, Charles Mann, Isaac Blackburne, John Hodgson, Henry Stanhope, George Banister Junr., Joshua Hill, Thomas Potter, Bartho: Blaides, Richard Hey, William Calverley, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, Robert Chippinge & William Rooke, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Court Alderman Skelton and Alderman Hicke were appointed as p'sons fittly qualified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Maior of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing on Wednesday the twenty Nynth day of September instant.

Att this Court it is ordered that an Action att Law bee brought agt. Alderman Headley for the Fifteene pounds paid into his hands by William Pickering Esq., late Maior of the Burrough aforesaid.<sup>1</sup>

The Court of Maior, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the nyne and twentieth day of September in the two and thirtieth years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Court did appeare Joseph Bawmer, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, John Killingbeck and William Pickering, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Christopher Pawson,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In connection with the Enrolment of the Charter; see p. 74.

Isaack Blackburne, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, George Banister, inr., Bartholomew Blaides, Richard Hey, William Calv'ley, Michael Idle and Arthur Todd, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Cort Henry Skelton Esqr., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law elected Major of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing, whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe forthwith give notice to the said Mr. Skelton of such his election And also that he sumon him to be and appeare att the next gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on Wednesday the sixth day of October next comeing, there to take upon him the said office according to the direction of his Mats. letters Patents in that behalfe.

Unlesse Mr. Alderman Headley doe pay unto Mr. Alderman Sykes, treasurer, the some of fifteene pounds wch. he formerly received of Alderman Pickering, late Major on the behalfe of the Corporacon betwixt [? now] and the three and twentieth day of October next coming, It is ordered that an accon [action] att law be brought against the said Mr. Headley in the name of the Corporacon for the recovery thereof And Mr. William Calv'ley, one of the Assistants, is appoynted and authorized by the Cort to see the due managemt. and p'secucon thereof.

Bee it remembred that upon Wednesday the sixth day of October in the two and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King, Henry Skelton, Esqr., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough and Major elect, did in due forme of law take the oathes of Allegiance and supremacy and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of P'liamt. (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons), and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act, and then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Major of this Burrough before Marmaduke Hick and Thomas Dixon, Esqrs., two of his Mats. Justices of the peace for the Burrough aforesaid and George Lofthouse, George Banister the younger and William Calv'ley, gent., three of the Comon Councell.

Memorand. that upon Monday the eleaventh day of October in the yeare aforesaid Francis Siniment was in due forme of law sworne deputy Constable to the Constables of Leeds towne before Henry Skelton, Major, and Thomas Dixon Esqr., two of his Mats. Justices of the peace of the Burrough aforesaid.

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The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the six and twentieth day of January in the two and thirtieth years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Henry Skelton, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson and Samuel Sykes, Aldermen, Robert Nesse, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, Joshua Hill, Bartholomew Blaides,

William Calverley, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie and William Rooke, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Cort it is ordered that every Constable wthin. his respective Constablery doe forthwith repaire to every Freholder wthin. his Constablery and demand and receive of them the some of eighteene pence a peice and the moneyes soe collected pay unto the present Major, wch. is to be employed for and towards the alloweance of his Mats. Charter wth. the sheriffe of this County, to the end the freeholders wthin. this Burrough may be discharged from serving as Jurors att the Assizes, gen'all Gaole delivery and gen'all Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden for the West Rydeing of this County, and if any Freeholder refuse to make paymt. of the same the said Constables are to take an account of their names to the end they may be retorned to serve as Jurors att the Assizes or Sessions aforesaid, who is desired to give an account of what moneyes comes to his hands to this Cort as they shall please to order and direct.

Whereas Charles Mann gent., one of the Assistants or comon Councell of this Burrough, hath for the space of two yeares and upwards resided out of the said Burrough, and att this tyme is an Inhabitant and setled wthin. the Cittye of Yorke soe as he cannot be somond to give his Attendance att the Cort to be holden by the Major, Aldermen and Assistants, then and there to give his advice and Assistance for the good gov'mt. and advantage of the said Corporacon, as by the duety of his place and trust he ought to doe Itt is hereupon ordered that the said Mr. Mann doe upon notice hereof appeare att the next Cort of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to be holden for the said Corporacon to show cause, if he have any, why he ought not to be removed from his said place of Assistant or comon Councell for the reasons aforesaid, and in default or neglect of the said Mr. Mann's Appearance this Cort doth conceive the same to be A good cause for them to remove him from his said place.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> John Robinson of Armeley gent. was in due forme of law elected and chosen one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough in the roome and place of Robert Chipping, deceased, whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe give him notice of such his electon and alsoe sumon him to be and p'sonally appeare at the next Sp'iall Sessons of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on monday the seaventh day of March next comeing, to the end he may take upon him the said office and alsoe pay the some of six pounds thirteene shillings and fower pence to Alderman Sykes, present treasurer to this Corporacon.

This Co<sup>rt</sup>, taking due notice of the great neglect of Mr. Alderman Ibbetson, one of the Justices of peace wthin. this Burrough, in not appeareing at sev'all Co<sup>rts</sup> holden by the Major, Aldermen and Assistants for the said Burrough, as alsoe att sev'all gen'all and Sp'ial Sessions of the peace and att other publique meetings then and there to give his Advice and Assistance for the good gov'ment and Advantage of the said Burrough; although lawfull and due notice and sumons hath from tyme to tyme bene left att his house or given to himselfe of such Co<sup>rts</sup> to be held, and noe reasonable cause of excuse hath bene made appeare on the behalfe of the said Mr. Ibbetson for such his absence, to the great delay of Justice and contrary to the duety of his place and

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trust: Whereupon itt is Ordered that the said Mr. Ibbetson appeare att the next Co<sup>rt</sup> of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to be holden for the said Burrough, to shew cause (if he have any) why he ought not for the reasons abovesaid to be ousted and removed from his place of Alderman and Justice of peace, and if the said Mr. Ibbetson shall neglect or refuse to appeare as abovesaid, then this Co<sup>rt</sup> doth coceive [conceive] such his neglect or refusall togather wth. the reasons aforesaid to be A Just ground and reasonable cause to remove him from his said place and will accordingly remove him, And the Serjeant att Mace is hereby enjoyned to see this Order duely executed and to give an Account thereof att the said Co<sup>rt</sup>.

Bee it remembred that upon Tuesday the first day of March in the thre and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King, John Robinson gent. did in due forme of law take the oathes of allegiance and supremacy and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons), and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act And then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Assistant or Comon Councell of this Burrough before Henry Skelton, Major, Marmaduke Hick and Thomas Dixon, Esqrs., thre of his Mats. Justices of the peace wthin. the Burrough aforesaid, and Michael Idle gent., one of the Comon Councell.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the last day of Aprill in the three and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King, 1681.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Henry Skelton, Major, Marmaduke Hicke, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, William Pickering and Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen, Adam Hargraves, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Edward Caddy, Henry Stanhope, George Banister Junr., Joshua Hill, Thomas Potter, John Kitchingman, William Calverley, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie, William Rooke and John Robinson, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Cort itt is ordered that Thomas Thompson, one of the Churchwardens for the yeare Last past doe appeare att the next Speciall Sessions of the peace to beholden for this Burrough to answer A Complaint made against him by Alice Johnson, widdow.

Att this Cort Alderman Bawmer did produce and deliver an account touching the moneyes left by Captaine Ambler and Alderman Watkinson to the poore of Leedes, which said account being p'used [perused] was allowed and ordered to be entred, wch. followes in these words (to witt):—

Debtor the poore of Leedes	l.	s.	d.
To a bond of Fifty pounds due from Joseph Dixon & Ald. Thomas Dixon			
1680 January 20. To Cash paid the Ov'seeres of the poore by an order of Cort	16	0	0
To Ballance paid into the hands of Mr.  Major	00	0	10

	Creditor	l.	S.	d.
1679 November	p. Cash received, being the ballance of Alderman Lawson's account	II	10	10
1680 Aprill 5 <sup>th</sup>	p. ditto for one yeare's interest of Alder- man Dixon, due 25 <sup>th</sup> March last	3	0	0
September 29th	p. ditto for halfe a yeare's interest then due	I	10	О
	p. Captaine Ambler's guift	30	0	O
	p. Alderman Watkinson's guift	20	О	0
		66	О	IO
there is half	e a yeare's interest due the 25 <sup>th</sup> March last			

there is halfe a yeare's interest due the 25<sup>th</sup> March last yet unpaid.

Ordered that the moneyes due upon the bond concerning the guift of Captaine Ambler and Alderman Watkinson to the poore of Leedes be speedily paid in or new security given for the same.

Whereas att a Cort of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the six and twentieth day of January last past, in respect that Charles Mann gent., one of the Assistants of this Burrough, had long before that tyme removed his habitacon and aboade to places remote from the said Burrough, and was setled in the Citty of Yorke, by reason whereof he had rendred himselfe altogeather unserviceable in the due execucon of his office and place and for other reasons therein assigned It was then ordered that the said Mr. Mann should, upon notice of that order to him given, appeare att the next Cort of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to be holden for this Corporacon, then and there to showe cause (if he had any) why he ought not for the reasons aforesaid to be removed from his said place of Assistant: And in default or neglect of the said Mr. Mann's appearance att the then next Cort the same should be deemed a good cause for them to remove him from his said place, as by the said in pte. [part] recited order, whereunto reference being had more att large may appeare, wth. wch. said order the said Mr. Mann was duely served as appeared by the oath of Mr. William Fenton, Serjeant att Mace, taken in open Cort, Nev'thelesse the said Mr. Mann did not appeare att the then next Cort of Major, Aldermen and Assistants wch. was holden for the said Burrough the day and yeare abovesaid, nor was any reasonable cause showne on his behalfe for such his removeall and absence Whereupon upon mature deliberacon had of and upon the premisses this Cort doth ratifie and confirme the said order made of [on] the sixth and twentieth day of January last past to all intents and purposes And doe order that the said Mr. Mann in pursuiance thereof be ousted and removed from his said place and office of Assistant And he is from thence hereby ousted and removed accordingly.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the Twentieth day of June in the three and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Cort did appeare Henry Skelton, Major, Marma. Hicke, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, Anthony Waide, John Killingbeck, William Pickering, Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen, Robert Nesse, Isack Blackburne, Henry Stanhope, George Banister, J'shua Hill, Thomas Potter, Bartholomew

Blaides, Michael Idle, William Massie, William Rooke & John Robinson, Assistants.

Forasmuch as this Cort hath bene crediby enformed by Mr. Alderman Foxcroft, a member thereof, that he hath a sonne lately taken by the Turkes who was putt Apprentice to one Mr. Robert Newport, Captaine and owner of the good Shipp the Adriatique, and in that voiage was burser<sup>1</sup> to the said Shipp, his Master haveing lost his life wth. his vessell and the young man taken captive and carried prisoner to Algiers, and there sold for seaven hundred dollars And that his Patteroone expected and exactd according to their barbarous custome Cent. p. Cent. soe that the some required for his redempcon will amount to thre hundred and fifty pounds sterling att the least, and his father not being in a Condicon to raise the same hath craved the advice and assistance of this Cort: Upon due consideracon had it is therefore ordered that a gen'all colleccon be made from house to house in all Constableryes and places wthin, the said Burrough And that all p'sons, both householders and others, wilbe pleased to give theire charitable contribucons to soe pious a worke as the Redempcon of a Christian soule out of the hands of those barbarous infidells to such p'son or p'sons as the said Mr. Foxcroft shall request to collect the

Ordered that a letter be writt to Hull in the name of the Corporacon to request theire Charitable contribucon to the furtherance of this pious worke.

Ordered that an addresse be wth. all speede prepared and sent to his Maty. from this Corporacon to retorne his Maty. humble and hearty thankes for his Mats. late gracious declaracon.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the thre and twentieth day of July in the thre and thirtieth years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King Annoq. Dni 1681.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appear Henry Skelton, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, John Killingbeck, William Pickering and Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Henry Stanhope, Bartholomew Blaides, Richard Hey, William Calv'ley, Joshua Ibbetson, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie, William Rooke and John Robinson, Assistants: the rest made default.

Whereas it was formerly resolved that an addresse should be prepared and sent to his Maty. to retorne his Maty. humble and hearty thanks for his Mats. late gracious declaracon, the same was agreed upon att this Co<sup>rt</sup>, the tenor whereof followeth in these words:—

"To the King's most Excellent Maty.

Wee yor Mats. most humble and most obedient Subjects, the Major, Aldermen & Comon Councell and other Inhabitants of yor Mats. towne and Burrough of Leedes in the West Rydeing of the County of Yorke, present to yor Maty. our most sincere thanks for our

holy Rites, lawes, freedomes and proprietyes all fallen wth. Monarchy and raised againe by yor Mats. happy restauracon, before which barbarous and boundlesse tyranny did every where prevaile and overbeare all rights sacred and Civill, continuall overflowes of violent misrule, numerous as the factions and ringleaders, after usurpacon on Maty., advanceing in turnes and turmoileing to a comon Chaos; the safety of the people pretended made a cloake to enslave the people noething more distructive to liberty then the keepers votes and ordinances teareing upp and blowing away the old foundacon.

Wee present our most humble thanks also to your Maty, for the graces of yor Mats. Royall declaracon, yor Mats. tender care expressed in that for the Church of England, the most pure for principles of faith and worshipp and alone truely loyall, yor Mats. fatherly regard of the interest and peace of yor Mats. Leiges assureing that yor Maty. will not suffer us to be oppressed by any Arbitrary power whatsoever, we fully and freely submitt and acquiesse in yor Mats. prudence and government in all things.

Wee beleive yor Maty, was alwayes for and will call frequent Parliamts, when neede shalbe, and wee hope and wish all orders in them may be obeisant and obsequious to yor Maty., conforme regularly to the ends of such assembling and comply in all the high and weighty affaires which concernes yor Mats, estate, and honour and the publique good soe linked togeather that they are insepirable one and the same.

Wee shalbe ever ready according to our bounden duety and naturall Ligeance to serve yor Maty, wth, our lives and fortunes against all opposicon and attempts of malecontents and sedicious mutineeres and aspirers of what sup'stition, sort or combination whatsoever, and act to the uttermost for defence and preservacon of yor Mats. sacred p'son. maintenance and support of yor Mats. imperiall Crowne in its full grandure and splendour and the lineal heriditary descent thereof according to inherent birthright and lawfull and undoubted succession in its due course.

May god, from and by whome onely Kings raigne, direct and prosper yor Mats. Councells and undertakeings and make yor Mats. yeares many and glorious and flourishing, and cloth yor Mats. restlesse enimies with shame as horrable as theire p'fideousnesse and ingratitude to the best and most obligeing of Princes are foule and impeous soe pray

> Yor Mats. most faithfull and most obedient Subjects and Servants.

Hen. Skelton, Major Fra. White, Recorder Dan. Foxcroft, Ald. Marma. Hick, Ald. Godfrey Lawson, Ald. Thomas Dixon, Ald. William Hutchinson,

Samuel Sykes, Ald. Martin Headley, Ald. Anthony Waide, Ald. Timo. Cookeson, John Killingbeck, Ald. William Pickering, Ald. Michael Idle Joseph Bawmer, Ald. John Kay Garvas Nevile Ald. Geo. Wombwell

John Milner, Vic. de Leeds Curate Edward Caddy <sup>1</sup>Thomas Leigh

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Actual signature: the rest are not. He was Deputy Town Clerk.

Tames Moxon William Sawer Isaack Blackburne Tho. Scudamore Arthur Todd John Osborne Bartho, Blaides Tho. Foster Robert Nesse John Dawson, sen. Joseph Yeoman Henry Pawson George Waineman Joshua Beale John Rhodes Chr. Pawson John Hodgson James Pinckney William Waide George Banister, jun. Samuel Barber Ralph Greave Joshua Jefferson Tho. Dinsdall John Hirst John Walker Thomas Beck Thomas Craister E. Langsdale, M.D. Thomas Potter Henry Stanhope George Banister Joseph Nisbett Robert Naylor William Massie Daniel Parker Chr. Jackson John Aveyard Thomas Tennant Francis Dayle Chr. Turton ? Fardm. Robson John Sawghell John Smith, p'ish Cler. John Robinson Joseph Pulleine James Foster Thomas Thoresby John Dodgson Robert Layland Joseph Layland Tho. Harrison Rchard. Walker John Broadley Tho. Bickerdike

Richard Cottam **Tames Close** Tho. Lazenby Thomas Marshall Isaack Stephenson William Jefferson Charles Fearnely Samuel Cowlson Henry Morton Paul Presland John Watson John Johnson John Preston Mich. Gilberts, A.M. William Kent William Allanson Edward Phillipp John Norfolke Isaack Servant Robert Brooke Francis Stamper Thomas Fenton William Robinson.

Thomas Motley Thomas Ryder Joseph Hoyle John Halliday John Clarke William Skargill,

Adam Hargrave Joseph Baynes Henry Parke Henry Hetherington George Thompson Thomas Robinson William Dyson Samuel Stubbs Henry Moore William Benson John Wilson Edward Walker John Gelderd Sam: Lister

A.B.: de Oxon. Thomas Moore Chr. Moore Marke Stanniforth William Gelderd Thomas Robinson Robert Gelderd Abraham Hinchliffe

Thomas Wilson **Tames Snawden** James Holme John Jackson John Greene Samuel Foxcroft John Wood John Graham Morgan Watson William Thompson John Spence James Metcalfe, M.D. Richard Hind Francis Dade John Penrose John Smeaton Mathew Hardwick William Rooke William Coldcoll John Metcalfe John Barker Savile Smithson Samuel Dobson A.M. Robert Dixon William Hamerton Peter Warner Thomas Pawson Thomas Walker John Walter Thomas Hardwick Clerke Richard Mann John Rookes John Rontree Daniel Fenton Caleb Askwith Joseph Kitchingman John Kitchingman John Richardson Richard Powell Thomas Nicholson Joseph Scholefeild Robert Potter John Cooke Stephen Sayner Thomas Wilson John Gibson Bartho: Towers Richard Lofthouse Thomas Halvester Joshua Gelderd John Smyth John Andrew William Baily

Nathan Butler

Ano: Iveson, A.M. William Brunton William Cottam Francis Briggs Thomas Pickhaver Timothy Harwood William Bentley Daniel Keene, A.M. Nath: Core John Mongham John Kay Edmond Richers Richard Haddon Thos. Falkiner, inr. Joseph Dobson George Boulton Israel Harper John Deighton Henry Foxcroft Solomon Broadbelt William Allen Edward Kay Joseph Turner William Browne Thomas Gristhwaite John Hunter Thomas Smyth Nicholas Bibby Nathan: Swinden **Tacob** Browne Robert Wrye Roger Hawden Samuel Smyth Robert Speight Tho. Brearecliffe John Freckleton Mathew Whalley John Chilton William Cookeson John Shaw William Waugh Nathaniel Jackson Walter Stanhope James Robinson William Brett Henry Hall Thomas Kitchingman Edward Atkinson Thomas Barnard Joseph Moore William Calv'ley Richard Dickins William Backhouse Robert Shaw

Joseph Eamondson,

B.A. Richard Hev George Lofthouse Adam Hargrave, sen. John Robinson Thomas Alworth George Parker William Whalley Francis Oates Joshua Ibbitson William Browne William Smythson Thomas Crissupp Gleadhill Battee William Jolly, Clerke George Carter, A.B. John Walker William Pickering Henry Render Thomas Wans John Sewell Rowland Dodsworth William Wood Henry Moore Samuel Burrow Edward Servant John Grave Abraham Poe Richard Greene John Greene William Strickland Richard Truckler Thomas Collinson William Poole Abraham Servant William Johnson Samuel Wilson Thomas Teale John Jackson John Myers Joshua Cowper William Douglasse Thomas Kent John Dixon William Gurnill William Binnes Francis Browne William Prest Lambert Bilton Stephen Hardy Abr. Blackburne Oliver Breeres

Edward Wildman

Abraham Brookesbanck Thomas Musgrave Charles Clerkson Charles Clerkson, jun. Laurence Benson, M.D. David Yates Richard Greene Joseph Pinckney John Whiteaker James Foulds Laurence Hall Joseph Smeaton William Dickinson William Darley John Lindley Samuel Morris William Pinckney James Pinckney, jun. John Waugh Thomas Iles Seth Skelton Ralph Idle James Jefferson George Beckett Edmond Humphrey William King George Hargrave Peter Glover William Totty Edward Tildsley John Brooke John Kay, jun. Robert Bray Mathew Bentley Leonard Baily Samuel Hobson George Northouse William Sheilds George Naylor Thomas Atkinson, sen. Thomas Atkinson, jun. Miles Gregg George Smyth John Mathews Christopher Casson William Croft Edmond Halliwell William Clevinger Thomas Thackrey William Towlesell Marma: Prockter **Tames Swift** 

Marke Hutton

Benjamin Mason Isaack Walkden Thomas Smyth William Cocker John Hev Josiah Westerman John Hare Thomas Hind Robert Wilson Mathew Wilkinson Bartholomew Harper Joseph Dilworth Thomas Whiteakers Toshua Iles Henry Bramley Richard Bateson William Ellis Edward Cressick

Westropp Laicock Tarratt Newham John Geldard John Roome Daniel Wood Thomas Denison John Metcalfe Ioseph Briggs William Atkinson Marma: Wreakes Alexander Baite Thomas Thorneton Richard Jackson Mathew Preistley Robert Hurst James Ash William Cooke John Westerman

Phillipp Lilly John Pickupp Thomas Lodge Jasper Kettlewell John Briggs Roger Kilburne William Kent, jun. Joseph Cliffe John Fowler Elkanah Milner James Greenewood Richard Sharpe William Ash George Bond Isaack Wood Henry Boyes

Alderman Hick and Garvas Nevile Esqr. are desired to present the addresse to his Maty., And it is ordered by the Co<sup>rt</sup> that the charges and expenses of theire journey be allowed them.

Att this Court William Sawer gent. was in due forme of law elected and chosen one of the Comon Councell or Assistants in the roome and place of Charles Mann gent. (who in respect of his settlement and residence wthin, the Cittye of Yorke was duely ousted and removed from his office and place of Assistant wthin, this Burrough), whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe give him notice of such his election and alsoe somon him to be and appeare att the next speciall Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on monday the first day of August next comeing, to the end he may take upon him the said office and alsoe pay the sume of six pounds thirteene shillings and fower pence to Alderman Sykes, present treasurer to this Corporacon.

Bee it remembred that upon tuesday the twentieth day of September in the thre and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King, William Sawer gent. did in due forme of law take the oathes of allegiance and supremacy and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons), and alsoe subscribed the oath menconed in the said Act, and then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Assistant or Comon Councell [sic] of this Burrough before Marmaduke Hick and Joseph Bawmer, Esqrs., two of his Mats. Justices of the peace wthin, the Burrough aforesaid, and Adam Hargraves gent., one of the Comon Councell.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the one and twentieth day of September in the thre and thirtieth years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King, Annoq. dni. 1681.

Att this Cort did appeare Henry Skelton, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, John Killingbeck,

William Pickering and Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Isaack Blackburne, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, George Banister, jun., Joshua Hill, Thomas Potter, Bartholomew Blaides, John Kitchingman, William Calv'ley, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie, William Rooke, John Robinson and William Sawer, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Alderman Hick, on the behalfe of himselfe and Jarvas Nevile Esq., being the p'sons imployed and entrusted to present the Addresse to his Maty. on the behalfe and in the name of this Corporacon, made reporte of presenting the same to his Maty. att Windsor, for which said Addresse his Maty. out of his Princely regard did kindly receive and accept And thereupon was most gratiously pleased to retorne his Royall thanks to this Corporacon for the same.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Alderman Ibbetson and Alderman Foxcroft were appoynted as p'sons fitly qualified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing upon thursday the nyne and twentieth day of September instant, being Michas. day.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the nyne and twentieth day of September in the thre and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Henry Skelton, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, Anthony Waide and John Killingbeck, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Thomas Foster, George Banister, jun., Thomas Potter, John Kitchingman, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, William Massie, John Robinson and William Sawer, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Joseph Ibbetson, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected Major of the Burrough for the yeare ensueing, whereupon It is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe forthwith give notice to the said Mr. Ibbetson of such his electon to the end he may take upon him the said office according to the directon of his Mats. Letters Patents in that behalfe.

It being putt to the vote att this Cort whether or not the Major should be elected out of the lights appoynted on St. Mathew's day according to Former usage and custome (there never haveing bene any eleccon made to the contrary) or that any other Alderman might be elected Major, carried in the affirmative to be elected out of the said lights, two or thre onely dissenting.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the tenth day of October in the thre and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Cort did appeare Henry Skelton, Major, Godfrey Lawson, Samuel Sykes, John Killingbeck and Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Did not accept office; see next page.

Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Isaack Blackburne, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, George Banister, jun., Joshua Hill, Thomas Potter, John Kitchingman, Richard Hey, Joshua Ibbetson, Michael Idle, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie, William Rooke and William Sawer, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Marmaduke Hick Esqr., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected Major of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing, whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe forthwith give notice to the said Mr. Hick of such his electon to the end he may take upon him the said office according to the directon of his Mats. letters Patents in that behalfe.

Upon the reasons of Mr. Alderman Ibbetson offered to this Co<sup>rt</sup>, by an instrument or writeing read, that upon payment of twenty markes he would resigne his place of Alderman and Justice of Peace, whereupon this Co<sup>rt</sup> doth accept of the offer of the said Mr. Ibbetson and doe order that pursuiant to his resignacon he shall have twenty markes paid him out of the first money that shall happen upon the electon of an Alderman or Assistant.<sup>1</sup>

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Thomas Potter gent., one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected one of the Aldermen and Justices of the peace wthin. the Burrough aforesaid (in the roome and place of Mr. Alderman Ibbetson, who this present Co<sup>rt</sup>, by an instrument or writeing read, resigned his place) of which said electon the said Mr. Potter, being present in Co<sup>rt</sup>, tooke notice.<sup>1</sup>

Bee it remembred that upon Monday the seaventeenth day of October in the thre and thirtieth years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of god over England &c. King, Marmaduke Hick Esqr., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough and Major elect, did in due forme of law take the oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons), and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act, and then tooke the oath well and truly to execute the office of Major of this Burrough, before Henry Skelton, Major, Thomas Dixon, Samuel Sykes and Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen, Edward Caddy, Michael Idle and William Rooke, gent., Assistants.

Memorand. that upon saturday the nyne and twentieth day of October in the yeare aforesaid Francis Siniment was sworne deputy Constable to the Constables of Leedes towne before Marmaduke Hick Esqr., Major.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the nyneteenth day of December in the thre and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Marmaduke Hick, Major, Henry Skelton, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> But see p. 92.

Martin Headley, Anthony Waide, John Killingbeck, William Pickering, and Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Christopher Pawson, Henry Stanhope, Joshua Hill, Bartholomew Blades, John Kitchingman, Richard Hey, William Calverley, Joshua Ibbetson, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie and William Rooke, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Cort itt is ordered that Alderman Sykes, treasurer, doe upon notice hereof pay unto Marmaduke Hick, Major, and Jarvas Nevile Esq., either of them, the some of eight pounds, soe much being allowed to the said Mr. Hick and Mr. Nevile for theire expenses and disbursements in goeing to present the Addresse from this Corporacon to his Maty. att Windsor, wch. said sev'all somes shall be allowed to the said Mr. Sykes upon his account.

Ordered that the present Overseeres of the poore doe pay unto Alderman Sykes the some of twelve pounds, wch. said some the said Mr. Sykes had lent to Robert Chipping, Thomas Kitchingman, Robert Potter and Leonard Reeveley, late Ov'seeres of the poore, wch. some shall be allowed to the said Ov'seeres upon theire Account.

Mr. Major, Alderman Lawson, Alderman Headley and Alderman Bawmer, or any thre of them, are desired to p'use [peruse] the accounts of Mr. Alderman Sykes, treasurer, and to report the same to the next Cort.

The like order for Mr. Major, Alderman Lawson, Alderman Dixon, and Alderman Bawmer, or any thre of them, to p'use [peruse] the accounts of Alderman Headley and report the same to the next Co<sup>rt</sup>.

Whereas upon inspeccon had of the publique writeings and evidences remaining in the Chist in the Vestry of the Old Church itt doth appeare that sev'all p'sons haveing had occasion to make use of some of the said Writeings to evidence and defend their just rights have taken out sev'all of the said evidences and writings from thence and never retorned the same againe To the end therefore that the said publique writeings may not be imbesled and Lost and the just right and title of many p'sons to sev'all Lands and other imunityes thereby granted may not be destroyed. It is thereupon ordered by this Cort that all and every p'son and p'sons of what estate, quality or Condicon soever he or they be wthin, this Burrough that have any of the said publique writeings and evidences in their Custody or possession doe, wthin. [blank] from the publicacon hereof, bring and deliver upp the same to the present Major, whose receipt shall be theire sufficient discharge And itt is further ordered and declared by this Cort that if any p'son after the tyme aforesaid shall keepe or detayne any of the said deedes or writeings, such detayneing shall be adjudged by this Cort an intent to conceale the same, and such speedy Course shalbe taken against such p'son or p'sons for recovery of them as his Mats. Corts of Equity have appoynted and provided for releife in cases of this nature.

Itt being putt to the vote whether the proceedings of the Last Co<sup>rt</sup> should be confirmed or not, the votes were equall, and Mr. Major is to determine the same by the Casting voate.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the thirtieth day of December in the thre and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Marmaduke Hick, Major, Henry Skelton, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, John Killingbeck, William Pickering, Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Isaack Blackburne, John Hodgson, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, Joshua Hill, Bartholomew Blades, John Kitchingman, Richard Hey, William Calverley, Joshua Ibbetson, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massye, William Rooke, John Robinson and William Sawer, Assistants: the rest made default.

Whereas Thomas Potter gent., one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough, att A Co<sup>rt</sup> of Major, Aldermen and Comon Councell holden the tenth day of October last past, was elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of Peace wthin. the said Burrough, wch. said election att this Co<sup>rt</sup> was opposed by sev'all members thereof as conceiveing the same not to be pursuiant to his Mats. Charter, wherefore, after some debate thereof had and made in open Co<sup>rt</sup>, the said Mr. Potter was content to resigne and waive his said election And to putt himselfe upon A new one, And thereupon the said Mr. Potter att this Co<sup>rt</sup> was in due forme of Law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of peace wthin. the said Burrough in the Roome and place of Mr. Aldermen Ibbetson, who being present tooke the oathes of Allegiance and supremacy And the oath menconed in A certaine Act of Parliament, entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act, And then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Alderman and Justice of peace wthin. the Burrough aforesaid.

Whereas att A Cort of Major, Aldermen and Comon Councell holden for the said Burrough the nyne and twentieth day of September Last past, Joseph Ibbetson, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law elected Major of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing and of such his Eleccon had notice, Nev'thelesse the said Mr. Ibbetson did not wthin, the tyme limited and appoynted by his Mats. Lres. Patents or att any tyme hithertoe take upon him the said office, and alsoe forasmuch as upon inspeccon had into the Recorde and bookes of this Corporacon itt doth appeare by the said bookes that the said Mr. Ibbetson hath not appeared att any Gen'all or Speciall Sessions of the peace holden for this Burrough for the space of two yeares and upwards or att any Cort of Major, Aldermen and Assistants wthin, that tyme, save once, although notice from tyme to tyme was given to the said Mr. Ibbetson of such Corts to be held, and noe cause of excuse for such his absence was made appeare Whereupon this Cort doth conceive this to be a neglect and failure of Justice and contrary to the duety of his place and trust, and that the same are just and reasonable causes for the removeing of the said Mr. Ibbetson from his place of Alderman and Justice of peace, and therefore it is ordered by the Cort that for the reasons aforesaid he be removed and he is ousted and removed from his said place accordingly.

Ordered that the some of twenty markes be paid to Mr. Ibbetson, being the like some formerly paid to this Corporacon by the said Mr. Ibbetson upon his sev'all electons to the place of Assistant and Alderman, the said Mr. Ibbetson alloweing back soe much money as is oweing by him to this Corporacon and shall appeare to remaine in his hands.

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The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the twentieth day of May in the fower and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Mr. Major, Mr. Alderman Dixon, Mr. Christopher Pawson and Mr. William Rooke, or any thre of them, whereof the Major to be one, are desired to send for the Bakers of this Towne And to treat with them touching theire paying of a yearely some of money for theire freedome and privildge of Bakeing in lieu of A comon Bakehouse to be built and erected, and to receive theire proposalls therein and report the same to the next Co<sup>rt</sup> of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to be holden for the said Burrough.

Mr. Major and Alderman Pickring are desired to p'use [peruse] the accounts of Mr. Joseph Ibbetson touching the moneyes received by the said Mr. Ibbetson for the use of the Corporacon and reporte the state and condicon thereof.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the fower and twentieth day of July in the fower and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Court did appeare Marmaduke Hick, Major, Godfrey Lawson, William Hutchinson, Samuel Sykes, Joseph Bawmer and Thomas Potter, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Edward Caddy, Henry Stanhope, George Banister, jun., Joshua Hill, Bartholomew Blaides, Richard Hey, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, William Massye, William Rooke, John Robinson, William Sawer and Henry Pawson, Assistants: the rest made default.

It being putt to the vote whether or noe the informacon depending in the Crowne office against the Inhabitants of the parrish of Leedes for not repaireing Pontefract Lane, whereof notice of tryall was given att the Assizes, it was carried in the affirmative and ordered that the same should be defended, and Mr. Major and Alderman Dixon were desired to manage the same on the behalfe of the Inhabitants of the said p'ish.

Ordered that Mr. Joshua Ibbetson doe bring in and p'duce [produce] att the next Co<sup>rt</sup> the account of Mr. Joseph Ibbetson touching the moneyes received by the said Mr. Joseph Ibbetson of the Corporacon to the end the same may be stated and setled.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Alderman Sykes is desired to lend the some of Tenn pounds for the use of the Corporacon, the same being to defend a tryall att law brought against the Inhabitants of the p'ish of Leedes for not repaireing a certaine highway called Pontefract Lane, which said some of Tenn pounds this Co<sup>rt</sup> doe promise and engage to see satisfied and repaid to the said Mr. Sykes.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the one and twentieth day of September in the fower and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att the Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Marmaduke Hick, Major, John Killingbeck, William Pickering, Joseph Bawmer and Thomas Potter, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Isaack Blackburne, John Hodgson, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, George Banister jun., Joshua Hill, Bartholomew Blaides, Richard Hey, Joshua Ibbetson, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, William Rooke, John Robertson and William Sawer, Assistants: the rest made default.

This Co<sup>rt</sup> being informed that sev'all p'sons refuse to pay theire assessemt. of Bridge money although the same hath bene demanded, doe order that the Serjeant att Mace and the deputy Constable, being appoynted Collectors thereof, doe once more demande the same and make distresse of the goods of the p'son and p'sons refuseing And if any accon [action] att law be brought against them for soe doeing, the same shalbe defended att a publick Charge.

Att this Cort Alderman Lawson and Alderman Potter were appoynted as p'sons fittly qualified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing upon friday the nyne and twentieth day of September instant, being Michas. day.

Alderman Bawmer, Alderman Potter, Mr. Banister the younger and Mr. Idle are desired to treate wth. some fitt p'son touching the keepeing of the highway called Yorke lane in repaire and reporte theire proceedings herein.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the nyne and twentieth day of September in the fower and thirtieth years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Marmaduke Hick, Major, Henry Skelton, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, Martin Headley, Anthony Waide, John Killingbeck and Thomas Potter, Aldermen, Robert Nesse, Isaack Blackburne, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, George Banister the younger, Bartholomew Blaides, Richard Hey, William Calverley, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massye, William Rooke, John Robinson and Henry Pawson, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Cort Thomas Potter Esq., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected Major of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing, being present in Cort, whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe sumon the said Mr. Potter to be and appeare att the next gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on wednesday the fowerth day of October next comeing, then & there to take upon him the said office according to the directon of his Mats. letters Patents in that behalfe.

Bee it remembred that upon thursday the Fifth day of October in the fower and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King, Thomas Potter Esqr., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough and Major elect, did in due forme of law take the oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons), and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the same Act, and then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Major of this Burrough before Godfrey Lawson and Samuel Sykes, two of the Aldermen, Bartholomew Blaides, Arthur Todd and Henry Pawson, gent., thre of the Comon Councell.

Memorand. that upon tuesday the tenth day of October in the yeare aforesaid Francis Siniment was in due forme of law sworne deputy Constable before Mr. Major.

### 1683

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the six and twentieth day of February in the five and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of God over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Thomas Potter, Major, Godfrey Lawson, Samuel Sykes, John Killingbeck, William Pickering and Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, George Lofthouse, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Isaac Blackburne, John Hodgson, Thomas Foster, George Banister the younger, Joshua Hill, Bartholomew Blaides, John Kitchingman, Richard Hey, Joshua Ibbetson, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, William Rooke, John Robinson, William Sawer and Henry Pawson, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Cort it is ordered that if the Judges att these Assizes come to this towne they are to be received and entertayned att the charge of the Corporacon, the some not exceeding Tenn pounds, and such members of the Corporacon as doe attend them are to beare theire own charges, and if any overplus of the tenn pounds remaine over and above the payment of the Judges' charges, the same shalbe equally shared and divided amongst those Members who attend them, for and towards the defraying of theire expenses.

Att this Cort William Rooke gent., one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of Peace wthin. the said Burrough in the roome and place of Alderman Hutchinson, deceased, who being present in Court tooke the oath of Allegiance and Supremacy and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. (entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons), And alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act and then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Alderman and Justice of peace wthin, the Burrough aforesaid.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Robert Shaw gent.¹ was in due forme of law elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough in the roome and place of William Rooke gent., who was elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of peace wthin. the Burrough aforesaid Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe give him notice of such his election and alsoe sumon him to be and appeare at the next Speciall Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on monday the Fifth day of March next comeing, to the end he may take upon him

<sup>1 ?</sup> Also of East Ardsley Hall, merchant.

the said office and alsoe pay the some of six pounds thirteene shillings and fower pence to Alderman Sykes, present treasurer to this Corporacon.

Bee it remembred that upon thursday the nyneteenth day of Aprill in the sixe and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King, Robert Shaw gent. did in due forme of law take the oathes of allegiance and supremacy and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons), and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act And then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Assistant or Comon Councell of this Burrough, before Thomas Potter, Major, Samuel Sykes, Alderman, Joshua Hill and Bartholomew Blaides, two of the Assistants.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the one and twentieth day of September in the five and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Thomas Potter, Major, Godfrey Lawson, Samuel Sykes, Martin Headley, John Killingbeck, William Pickering and William Rooke, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, Christopher Pawson, Isaack Blackburne, John Hodgson, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, George Banister jun., Joshua Hill, Bartholomew Blaides, Richard Hey, Joshua Ibbetson, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, William Massye, John Robinson and Henry Pawson, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Alderman Foxcroft and Alderman Rooke were appoynted as p'sons fittly qualified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing, upon saturday the nyne and twentieth day of September instant being Michas. day.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the nyne and twentieth day of September in the five and thirtieth years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Cort did appeare Thomas Potter, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Samuel Sykes, Anthony Waide, John Killingbeck, and Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Isaack Blackburne, Henry Stanhope, Bartholomew Blaides, John Kitchingman, Richard Hey, William Calverley, Joshua Ibbetson, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, William Massye, John Robinson, William Sawer and Henry Pawson, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> William Rooke, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected Major of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe forthwth, give notice to the said Mr. Rooke of such his election and alsoe sumon him to be and appeare at the next gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on Wednesday the third day of October next comeing, then and there to take upon him the said office according to the direction of his Mats. Ires. Patents in that behalfe.

## 1684

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the thre and twentieth day of February in the six and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King.

Att this Cort did appeare William Rooke, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Samuel Sykes, John Killingbeck, William Pickering, Joseph Bawmer and Thomas Potter, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robert Nesse, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Isaack Blackburne, John Hodgson, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, George Banister the younger, Joshua Hill, John Kitchingman, Richard Hey, Joshua Ibbetson, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie, John Robinson, William Sawer, Henry Pawson and Robert Shaw, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Cort Seth Skelton gent. was in due forme of law elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough in the roome and place of George Lofthouse gent., deceased.

Att this Cort Joshua Ibbetson gent., one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of Peace wthin, the said Burrough in the roome and place of Alderman Waide, deceased.

Bee it remembred that upon Wednesday the six and twentieth day of March in the six and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of god over England &c. King, Joshua Ibbetson gent., elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of Peace wthin. the said Burrough, did in due forme of law take the oathes of allegiance and supremacy and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament (entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons) and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act And then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Alderman and Justice of Peace wthin. the Burrough aforesaid before William Rooke, Major, and Joseph Bawmer, Alderman, Henry Stanhope and Henry Pawson, two of the Assistants.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the third day of September in the six and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of God over England &c. King.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare William Rooke, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dixon, Martin Headley, John Killingbeck, William Pickering, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter and Joshua Ibbetson, Aldermen, Edward Caddy, Isaack Blackburne, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, George Banister jun., Joshua Hill, Bartholomew Blaides, Richard Hey, Michael Idle, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massye, John Robinson, William Sawer, Henry Pawson, Robert Shaw.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> William Shaw gent., one of the Comon Councell or Assistants, was in due forme of law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of Peace in the roome of Alderman Sykes, deceased, who being present in Co<sup>rt</sup> tooke notice thereof.

Mr. John Preston was also eelected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants in the roome of Mr. Alderman Ibbetson [i.e. in the place vacated by Joshua Ibbetson on his election as Alderman].

Memorand. that the Fifth day of September in the six and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of god over England &c. King, William Sawer gent. did in due forme of law take the oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament, entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons, and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act And then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of [Alderman and] Justice of Peace before William Rooke, Major, Godfrey Lawson, Joseph Bawmer and Joshua Ibbetson, Aldermen, Edward Caddy, Joshua Hill and Henry Pawson, thre of the Assistants.

The like in due forme of law was done and p'formed by John Preston gent., being elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants.

Att a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the sd. Burrough the 22th day of September in the 36th yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the second, By the Grace of God of England &c. King &c., Annoq. Dni 1684.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare William Rooke, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Wm. Pickering, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Edward Caddy, Thomas Foster, Joshua Hill, Isaac Blackburne, Barthol. Blades, Arthur Todd, Thomas Kitchinman, Robert Shaw, Henry Pawson, Thomas Bickerdike.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Thomas Bickerdike did in due forme of law take the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacye And the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt., entituled An Act for regulacon of Corporacons, And alsoe subscribed the Declracon menconed in the said Act And then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the Office of An Assistant wthin. the Burrough aforesaid.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe receive the Treary [Treasury] Booke from Mrs. Sykes, wid. of Mr. Samll. Sykes, decd., late Alderman & Treasurer of this Burrough.

Att this Cort Joshua Ibbetson & William Sawer, Aldermen, were appointed Candidates, one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing on Michmas. day next.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the sd. Burrough the 29th day of September in the 36<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Raigne of o<sup>r</sup> Soveraigne Lord King Charles the second, Annoq. Dni. 1684.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare William Rooke, Major, Henry Skelton, Daniell Foxcroft, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Thomas Dickson, Martin Headley, John Killinbeck, Willm. Pickering, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, Joshua Ibbetson, Willm. Sawer, Aldermen, Edward Caddy, Thomas Foster, George Banister, Joshua Hill, Isaac Blackburne, Barthol. Blades, Thomas Kitchinman, Henry Pawson, John Robinson, Robert Shaw, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike.

Att this Cort Joshua Ibbetson was elected to the office of Majr of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing And the Serjeant att Mace is to give him noetice of such his Eleccon.

Ordered that William Sawre, Alderman, shall be Trearer [Treasurer] for the Co<sup>rt</sup> of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assists. for the yeare ensueing.

Ordered that Mr. Potter & Mr. Hill doe Examine the Accts. entered in the Treary [Treasury] Booke & certific theire p'ceedings therein Att the next Cort of Majr, Aldermen & Assistents.

Ordered that Mr. Headley be desired by the Serjeant att Mace to pay the money in his hands due to the Corporacon.

**The Court** of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants sumoned to appeare the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Ocbr. Anno Regni R. Car. sdi. xxxvj, Annoq. dni. 1684.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Joshua Ibbetson, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Godfrey Lawson, Martin Headley, John Killinbeck, Joseph Bawmer, Tho: Potter, William Rooke, Willm. Sawer, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Edward Caddy, John Hodgson, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Foster, Joshua Hill, Richard Hey, Thomas Kitchinman, Wm. Massie, Henry Pawson, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, George Banister.

Ordered that Mr. Joshua Ibbetson, the present Maj<sup>r</sup>, and Mr. Alderman Lawson, doe waite upon his Matye. to Surrendr. the Charter of this towne & Burrough.

Memorand. the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October in the 36<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Raigne of o<sup>r</sup> most gracious Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second, By the Grace of God of England &c. King &c., Annoq. Dni. 1684.

Castilian Morris gen. did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacy And the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt., entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons, and did alsoe then subscribe the Declaracon menconed in the sd. Act and then tooke the oath of Comon Clarke of the said Burrough before Joshua Ibbetson, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Godfrey Lawson, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, Willm. Rooke & William Sawer, Alderm., Edward Caddy, Henry Stanhope, Richard Hey, Joshua Hill, Robert Shaw, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwick, Assistants.

The same day Ordered that Marmaduke Hick, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter and William Sawer, Aldermen, Henry Stanhope, George Banister, Robt. Shaw & Thomas Bickerdike shall p'sonally goe to the respective Members of the said Burrough to know of them whether or noe they will beare theire p'portionable parts of the charge in surrendering the Charter of this Burrough to his Matye and for the obtaining of a new one, (vizt.) 5£ the share of an Alderman & 2£ 10s for an Assistant and Munday morning at 7 of the Clock is appointed for the sd. p'sons meeting.

1685

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of February in the 37<sup>th</sup> years of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the second, Annoq. Dni. 1684/5.

Being the first Cort after ye renewing of the Charter.
[In margin—N.B. this court was held on the day King Cha. 2<sup>nd</sup> died.]

The Names of the Major, Aldermen & Assistants as they are noiated. [nominated] in the present Charter granted the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Decbr in the 36<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Raigne of our said Soveraigne Lord King Charles the second, Annoq. Dni. 1684/5.

Gervase Nevill Esqr., Major, Jur.

Henricus Skelton jur. Daniel Foxcroft Marmaduke Hick jur. Godfrey Lawson Thomas Dickson jur. Martin Headley jur. Johes. Killinbeck

Willus. Pickering jur. Josephus Bawmer jur. Thomas Potter jur. Willus, Rooke jur. Joshua Ibbetson jur. Willus. Sawer jur. Aldermani Burgi pred.

The Names of the Assistants are as followeth Chrus. Pawson jur. Edrus. Caddy Adam Hargrave sen., jur. Johes. Hodgson jur. Thomas Foster Henricus Standhope jur. Joshua Hill Ricus. Hey jur. Georgius Banister Isaacus Blackburne jur. Bartholomeus Blades jur. Thomas Kitchinman jur.

Willus. Massye jur. Johes. Kitchinman jur. Michel. Idle jur. Robtus. Shaw Johes. Robinson jur. Hencus. Pawson jur. Johes. Preston jur. Thomas Bickerdike jur. Thomas Hardwicke jur. Bartheus. Towers Robtus. Potter jur. Marcus Broadley jur.

Att this Cort appeared Gervase Nevill Esqr, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Potter, Willm. Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson & Willm. Sawer, Esqrs., Aldermen, Christopher Pawson, Adam Hargrave, John Hodgson, Rich. Hey, Isaac Blackburne, Barthol. Blades, Willm. Massye, Henry Pawson, John Preston, John Robinson, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Robt. Potter, Mark Broadley: The rest made default.

Att this Cort Mr. Morris presented to the same a Bill of Charges laid out by Mr. Lawson & himselfe in sueing out of the Charter. Ordered by this Cort that Nine of the Aldermen & Assistants shall be a select Committee (or the Major part of them) to inspect the Accts. of the charge of sueing out the Charter, and to consult how the money shall be raised to discharge the same; And to make their report of their p'ceedings therein at the next Cort.

The Persons noiated. [nominated] to be of the sd. Comittee are:— Gervase Nevill Esqr., Maj<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Dixon, Joseph Bawmer & Thomas Potter, Esqrs., Aldermen, Christopher Pawson, John Hodgson, Thomas Kitchinman, Willm. Massye & John Robinson, Assistants. Mr. Joshua Ibbetson is desired to bring in his Bill of Charges to be annexed to the end the full charge may be knowne & the same inspected by the sd. Committee according to the aforesd. Order.

Ordered that Bartholomew Towers, Robert Potter & Mark Broadley shall pay twenty Nobles a peece according to the Custome of this Burrough upon their respective comeing into the office of an Assistant in this Corporacon, and likewise to pay theire p'porconable pts. of the Charge of renewing the Charter: And Robt. Potter & Mark Broadley being now present in the Court are required to take noetice hereof: And Robert Nesse, Serjeant att Mace, to give noetice to Bartholomew Towers of this order.





Ordered that all, ev'y, or any p'son. wch. for the future shall be elected into the office or place of an Alderman or Assistant of this Corporacon shall att theire swearing & takeing upon them or any of them either of the Offices aforesd. pay the Fees following to the Comon Clarke & Serjeant att Mace, (vizt.) an Alderman to the Comon Clarke tenn shillinges, to the Serjeant two shillinges & six pence; An Assistant to the Comon Clarke five shillinges, to the Serjeant one shilling.

Dies Lune 16 Die Febrii, An. R. Rs. Jacobi Scdi. primo.

The Committee for inspecting the Accts. of the charge of sueing out the Charter, and for takeing the Accounts of Alderman Potter mett & satt upon the same the day abovesaid att the house of Mr. Robert Nesse, Serjeant att Mace &c., att which did appeare

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		John Robinson	J

Resolved by the said Comittee that the best way to raise the money to defray the charge of the Charter is to make six monthes' Assessmt. (p'porconable to the Cessmt. of the poore) through the whole Parrish, to be paid by ev'y Freeholder & Inhabitant wthin. the Parrish & Burrough aforesaid, Out Leeds to be exempted.

Resolved by the said Comittee that the Accounts of Alderman Potter be allowed & entered in this Booke.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Distringas—an old writ directing a sheriff (or other officer) to distrain.

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Tho: Potter

Sum is £144 03 04

**The Court** of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants holden att Leeds for the Burrough aforesd. the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord James the second, By the Grace of God of England &c. King, defender of the Faith &c., Annoq. Dni. 1685.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Gervase Nevile Esqr., Maj<sup>r</sup>, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Willm. Pickering, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Esqrs., Aldermen, Christopher Pawson, Adam Hargrave, Thomas Foster, Henry Stanhope, Rich. Hey, Bartholomew Blades, Thomas Kitchinman, Willm. Massye, Michaell Idle, John Robinson, Henry Pawson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke & Marck Broadley, Assistants: the rest made default (viz:)

Daniell Foxcroft non jur. Ed. Caddy Godfrey Lawson John Hodgson pt. non jur. Thomas Dixon Joshua Hill Martin Headley ap. Londin pt. Alder. Isaac Blackburne John Killinbecke George Banister Ass. Willm. Rooke John Kitchinman Robt. Shaw Barthol. Towers Robt. Potter pt.

The Report of the Comittee appointed for inspecting the Accts. of the Charge of the Charter & for considering of the means to raise money to discharge the same being read, It was put to vote whether the sence. of the said Committee should stand good or not, wch. was carryed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Assessmt. booke for makeing an Assessmt. pursuant to the sd. Resolucon be the guide for the same & the Clarke to the Overseers of the poore is ordered to draw out Assessmt. to that purpose.

Ordered that Mr. Alderman Hick is the p'son approved upon & appointed to waite upon his Matye with an Addresse from this Corporacon And Mr. Henry Stanhope is to accompanye him and that 14 £ shall be allowed to them for their charges, (vizt.) to Mr. Hick for himselfe and his man 10 £, and to Mr. Stanhope 4 £.

Att a Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesd, the 28th day of February in the first yeare of the Raigne

of our Soveraigne Lord James the second, Annoq. Dni. 1684 [1685].

At this Cort did appeare Gervase Nevile Esqr., Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, John Killinbeck, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, Willm. Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson & William Sawer, Esqrs., Aldermen, John Hodgson, Thomas Foster, Henry Stanhope, Rich. Hey, Isaac Blackburne, Barthol. Blades, Tho: Kitchinman, William Massye, Henry Pawson, John Preston, Tho: Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Robt. Potter & Marck Broadley: the rest made default

(vizt.)
Henry Skelton
Daniell Foxcroft
Godfrey Lawson
Martin Headley ap. Lond. pt.
Willm. Pickering

Alder.

Chr. Pawson pt.
Edward Caddy
Adam Hargrave
Joshua Hill
Geo: Bannister
John Kitchinman
Michell Idle
Robt. Shaw
John Robinson
Barthol. Towers

Ordered by this Co<sup>rt</sup> (upon the desire of Mr. Alderman Hick—nemine contradicento) that the order made the 20<sup>th</sup> instant for Mr. Hick's goeing up to London to present the Addresse to his Matye be made null & void & the same is hereby null & void.

Ordered Nemine contradicento yt. Mr. Maj<sup>r</sup> be requested to carry up the Addresse to present to his Matye, wch. being done Mr. Maj<sup>r</sup> accepted thereof, and this Co<sup>rt</sup> order yt. his charges shall be allowed according to his Acct. at his returne: and Mr. Stanhope is to accompanye Mr. Major to London, who referrs himselfe to this Co<sup>rt</sup> for his charges.

# To the King's most Excell<sup>t</sup> Matye.

Wee yor Matyes most Dutyfull & Loyall Subjects the Majr, Aldermen, Comon Councell, Towne Clarke & other Inhabitants within the Towne & Burrough of Leeds in yor County of Yorke Doe sorrowfully Condole the Death of our late Gracious Soveraigne (of blessed memory) yor Matyes most Deare & intirely beloved Brother And in the most cheerfull Sinceritye of or Hearts Wee humbly present this or most joyfull Congratulacon to yor sacred Matye for yor happy Accession to the Imp'iall Crowne of this Kingdom and of all other yor Matyes. Dominions & Countryes.

And wee doe in all humillitye beseech yo<sup>r</sup> Matye to p'mitt us to lay o<sup>r</sup> most thankfull Acknowledgments att yo<sup>r</sup> Royall Feet for yo<sup>r</sup> Matyes. late most gracious Declaracon, Beseeching Almighty God to Grant y<sup>n</sup> a long & p'sp'ous. Reigne over us And that yo<sup>r</sup> Crowne & Dignity may be established in peace upon yo<sup>r</sup> Matye & Posteritye for ever is our Devout & solemne prayers joined wth. o<sup>r</sup> firme resolucons to support & Defend the same wth. the Lives & Fortunes of

Dread Sr

Yor Matyes most Dutyfull Loyall & Obedient Subjects Gervase Neville, Majr Fra. White, Rec. Hen: Skelton Dan: Foxcroft Marma: Hick Thomas Dixon Martin Headley John Killingbeck Wm. Pickering Jo: Bawmer Tho: Potter Wm. Rooke Joshua Ibbetson Wm. Sawer Godfrey Lawson Castilian Morris Chr: Pawson Isa: Blackburne Hen: Stanhope Edw: Caddy Rich: Hey Wm. Massie Michl. Idle Thos Hardwicke Henry Pawson Robert Potter Mark Broadley John Hodgson John Kitchingman Jos: Hill Geo: Bannister Adam Hargrave Tho: Bickerdike John Preston Barthol. Towers Thomas Foster Barthol. Blades John Robinson Tho: Kitchinman John Fenton Samll. Hutton Henry Moore Abraham Fenton John Parker John Rhoades Samuel Brogdon Marke Broadley Thomas Tennant James Helm John Norfolk John Hunter Chr. Jackson Jno. Atkinson Westrop Laycocke

James Sykes Willm. Wetherell Wm. Rishworth Wm. Waugh Robert Brooke Robert Nesse John Milner, Wm. Skargill, Laurence Benson. Hen. Robinson, Tim: Cookson, Sam: Lister, Min. de Arm: Wm. Robinson, Ios: Eamondson, Tames Metcalfe. Mich. Gilbert Robert Garnett Samuell Moore Nathall Core Robert Idle John Rookes Seth Skelton Abr. Hinchliffe Sam. Foxcroft Randolph Briggs Cha. Killingbecke John Greene Tho: Fenton, sen. John Warner Wm. Lockwood Edw. Atkinson F. Wheatley Ino. Skinner Hen: Jenkins John Jackson Wm. Cottam Rob. Atkinson Hen: Ivyeson Robt. Baynes Robt. Shaw Geo: Jackson Tho: Dinsdale Rich. Cottam

John Ellis [?]

James Moxon

John Rontree Ri: Bevoll Will. Bayly Geo: Waineman Jon. Green, jun. Tim: Warwicke Robt. Midgley Vic. de Leeds Ino. Walker Wm. Coldcall Cur. of Holbecke Hen: Hetherington Ion Smeaton Lect. Ralph Spencer Tho: Dennison Min. N. Cap: James Lambert Jos: Cowper Cur. de Leeds Ra: Dixon James Snawden Wm. Reedshaw Abra: Fenton Min. de Beeston Joseph Briggs Chr. Turton Min. de Head: Tho: Whalley Geo. Neale, M.D. Min. de C.A. Am. Harland Tho: Hardwicke Chr. Rainsfoorth John Matthews Jos. Moore James Blades Sam<sup>11</sup> Kirk John Todd Tim: Harwood Chas England Joshua Iles Ios: Fountaines Sam. Simpson John Brooke John Shaw John Smalpage Rich: Powell Tob: Iles Wm. Fenton Wm. Kent Chr. Casson Jacob Browne Geo: Trueman John Graham [?] Yeoman James Kitchinman Wm. Jollye Rich: Green Wm. Currey Wm. Atkinson Ralph Idle

Ellis Schofeild John Jackson Tho. Cornforth Chr. Matterson Geo. Morgan James Blythe Walter Stanhope Mat. Hebden John Briggs John Parkinson Tho: Wilson Jos. Collinson **James Smith** John Scott Thos Moore John Kay John Penrose Wm. Cooke Peter Glover John Heartley Joseph Wood John Simpson Iames Robinson Thomas Wilson John Whiteaker Joseph Turner Wm. Towlson Wm. Gurell Anthonye Preston Marke Hutton Tho: Crissup Josiah Ogle Jon. Millner John Carter Tho: Wettenhall Joseph Boulton Richard Wood Everingham Constable John Cooke Stephen Hardy Sam. Hardye David Yates John Waugh Robt. Wilson Wm. Dodgson, sen. Peter Mason, jun. Elkanah Hickson Edw. Tildslay Joseph Funtaines Tho: Atkinson, sen. Tho: Atkinson, jun. Phineas Lambe Jos: Pinckney Francis Dale John Dodgson

Jos: Kitchinman Wm. Croft Tho: Lodge Rich: Jackson Peter Clowedsley Thomas Thirsby Wm. Strickland Henr. Moore John Lancaster John Dysson John Metcalfe John Prockter John Browne George Bond Thos. Swindon Mark Staniforth Robt. Layland Joseph Layland Marm. Wreakes Sam. Wigglesworth Wm. Browne Tho: Wilson Tho: Powell Robt. Browne Chr. Conder Dan. Wood Wm. Douglas Gideon Shires Wm. Jefferson Tho: Saule Chr. Gibbonson John Roome Henry Kay Isaac Wood Peter Thompson Tho: Rontree Edw. Boulton Stephen Raynor Wm. Wayles Joseph Watson Wm. Clarkson Geo: Lofthouse John Berley Edward Thompson Joseph Smeaton Ferdinando Robson Thos Thornton **James Wood** Wm. Haige Ger. Starman Wm. Twillston Dan. Fenton Pet. Mason, sen.

Ben. Mason Dan. Parker Alex. Horne Benj. Briggs Martin Dallyson Wm. Cookeson Wm. Dodgson Caleb Askwith Rich. Nethewood John Gibson John Ellis John Shipley Laur. Buck John Barstow Edw. Criswick John Pease John Osburne Row. Dodsworth Wm. Tottie Tho: Aidseworth John Richardson Abr. Blackburne Robt. Naylor Jer. Barstow Ch. Caldcall Richard Burrow John Maugham John Thurlstone Wm. Backhouse Tho: Lazenby Tim: Smith Alexander Nelson Wm. Browne Robt. Bray Robt. Scott James Close Fra: Parker Tho: Pease Mich: Waide Mat. Whaley Ed. Fairborn Jer. Stead Ch. Clarkson, sen. Ch. Clarkson, jun. Alex. Jeffrey James Rhoades Edm. Humfrey Ri: Harrison Mat. Thompson Wm. Carvile Geo: Naylor Thos. Walker Thos Marshall John Wyse

Tho: Brearcliffe John Harrison Tho: Harrison Hen: Gotbye Robt. Taylor Mat. Bentley Jer. Candidge Wm. Bywater Geo: Hopperton Roger Dixon Tho: Reath Jo: Reath Wm. Nowell Miles Douglas Wm. Ash R: Holmes Geo: Hargrave Jo: Balderston Ri. Rogerson Jo: Spinke Jo: Frogg Tho. Motley Sam Ellison John Smith John Mitley Corn. Towleman John Wakefeild Nat: Butter Wm. Vevers Ja: Battie Joseph Harrison Joseph Scholefeild Thomas Beckwith Wm. Hogg Wm. Savile Wm. Cocker Chr. Bradford Jos: Cowper Wm. Hebden Fra: Wood Sam Hobson Ben Boulton Thomas Rontree Ed. England Jo: Dovey Sam Gristewth [sic] Tho: Stackhurst Jon Goodeere Geo: Payne Geo: Dixon Edw. Prince Jonathan England Wm. Hamerton Rich. Taylor

Edw. Loyd Wm. Cocker Wm. King Ben. Murgatroyd Jo: Aveyard Ísaac Walden Mark Heywood Rob. Pickersgill Sam Burrow Benj. Tottie John Briggs Rich. Ellis James Sinemond Richard Pickering Tho: Jackson Tho. Falkiner, jun. Seth Slingsby Rich. Robinson Tho: Robinson Chr. Willon Jo: Wright Jo: Beard Mich: Musgrave Wm. Outerd [?] Tho: Dirkin Chr. Broadbelt Robt. Geldert Sam Smalpage Ralph Hick Henr. Close Chr. Barrow Wm. Denny Tho. Langston Wm. Atkinson Simon Horseman Rich: Illingworth John Darweine Pet. Greenberry Henr. Russell Tho: Bland John Briggs Wm. Wiggins Chr. Renton Edw. Boulton Henr. Witham Rich. Haddon Tho: Leigh Robt. Walker Rich. Leathley Rickery Backhouse Chr. Pawson, jun. James Atkinson James Wilson John Shaw

Tho: Foster Henr. Dinder [?] Io: Weatherhead James Wood Chr. Heblethwaite Jo: Smith Geo: Brooke Jo: Leigh Edw. Armestead Henr. Turner Robt. Norris Jo: Armitage Joss: Geldard Rich. Horsfall Robt. Barras Wm. Harrison Wm. Cloise John Crowther Tho: Watson Rich. Midgley Tho: Weddell Tho: Richardson Jos: Woodhouse Jo: Northowse Sam Stephenson Rich. Cordingley Fra: Gunby Henr. Hey Lambert Billton John Matthew Robert Erwin Benjamine Massie Robt. Lambertson Chr. Harrison Matt. Weatherhead Robt. Horner Wm. Robinson Jon Thompson Tho: Falconer John Colbecke Cr. Jackson Chr. Jackson, jun. John Musgrave John Briggs W<sup>m</sup> Steward Ion Beasedworth Jon Lee Jon Rhoades W<sup>m</sup> Jackson Tho: Linthwaite James Howden Geo: Thompson Tho: Harrison Tho: Wadsworth

Jon Wadsworth Ion Smith Edward Smith Sam Parke Tho: Fawcett Edw. Walker Pet. Holdsworth Tho: Atkinson Jacob Pape Tim. Man Jon Halley Jon Ward Tho: Atkinson Robt. Earle Sam Fletcher Tho: Norris Jon. Fairebanck Wm. Waid Tho: Wadsworth Ion Rounthwaite Jon Bramley John Smith Wm. Bramley Tho: Barnard Tho: Hewan Henr. Iles Lawrence Cottam Chr. Clifton John Wright Robt. Burnell Chr. Theakeston Tho: Pickhaver Geo: Netherwood Step. Netherwood Jon Spence Tho: Shepard Step. Metcalfe James Pennington Iames Netherwood Rich: Ellis Jos. Smith

Jon Cloudesley

. Abr. Stanhope Wm. Mercer John Walker Йт. Dyson John Houghton Tho: Thackbray Tho: Atkinson Wm. Smith Jon Geldart Wm. Geldart Ion Dawson Wm. Dixon Ric. Wilson Jer. Lawry Jos. Gowland Matt. Beanson Willm. Weddell Jos. Hoyle John Dove Mat. Wilkinson Chr. Gay Peter Hattersley John Preistley Jos. Whiteaker Wm. Winder James Fletcher Willm. Jefferson Phillip Denton Robt. Hill Edw. Wildeman Tim. Shipton Wm. Metcalfe John Yeates Clement Barker Edward Dodgson Robt. Markendale Adam Hargrave Daniell Noble John Ellis Henry Crooke Wm. Turner Wm. Steele

Tho: Nealson Peter Broadbelt Wm. Musgrave James Beedam Tho: Keighley Wm. Waid Rich. Fish Chr. Wyse Sam Musgrave Nathl. Young Joshua Massie John Greathead Issaac Towleman John Wilkinson Jos. Sprentall John Thompson John Nettleton Tho. Bawme Jos. Lofthouse David Robinson Geo: Northouse Tho: Walker Tho: Parin Joseph Ellis Edward Servant Isaac Servant Nathan Iles Tho: Browne Wm. Smith Geo: Gilham Tho: Matthew W<sup>m</sup> Pickersgill Chr. Moore Isaac Servant Joshua Brooke Robert Towneson Tho: Jackson Wm Leake Daniell Crabtree John Greene James Falkiner Richard Glover

**The Court** of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesd, the fifteenth day of June in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the second.

Att this Cort did appeare Gervase Nevile Esq., Majr, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, John Killingbecke, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, William Rooke & William Sayer, Esqrs., Aldermen, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Henry Stanhope, Richard Hey, Isaac Blackburne, Bartholomew Blades, Thomas Kitchinman, John Robinson, Henry Pawson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke & Marck Broadley, gen., Assistants: the rest made default (vizt.)

Daniell Foxcroft
Godfrey Lawson
Thomas Dixon
Martin Headley
Wm. Pickering ap. Lond.
Joshua Ibbetson ultra mare.

John Hodgson p.t.
Thos Foster
Joshua Hill
Geo: Banister
Wm. Massye
John Kitchinman
Michell Idle
Robt. Shaw
Barthol. Towers
Robt. Potter ap. Lond.

The question being put to the vote of the Cort whether or noe Mr. Daniell Foxcroft ought to have 20 marks repaid to him wch. he formerly laid downe upon the acct. of the Corporacon, it was carryed (nemine contradicente) in the negative.

Md. that after the passing of the sd. vote Mr. Major informed the Court that Mr. Alderman Foxcroft declared to him that he had not taken the oathes according to the Statute

Upon which this Cort p'ceeded to an Eleccon of an Alderman into his place.

Mem'dum that at this Cort Mr. Henry Stanhope was duely elected one of the Aldermen in the place of Mr. Daniell Foxcroft.

Mem'dum that at this Co<sup>rt</sup> Mr. Thomas Dennison was duely elected one of the Assistants of this Corporacon in the place of Mr. George Banister.

Md. alsoe that at this Cort Mr. William Cookeson was duely elected one of the Assistants of this Corporacon in the place of Mr. Robert Shaw.

Md. likewise that at this Co<sup>rt</sup> Mr. Christopher Jackson of Hunslett was duely elected one of the Assistants of this Corporacon.

Ordered that the Order of this Cort made the 20th of February last for defraying of the charge of the Charter shall be pursued. And that Mr. Majr & 4 or 5 of the Aldermen wth. as many of the Assistants as pleases doe meet on Wednesday the 24th instant at the House of Mrs. Hannah Johnson by seaven of the clock in ye morning to goe about to collect the same.

Md. that the seaven & twentieth day of June in the first yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James the second, by the grace of God of England &c. King &c., Henry Stanhope gent. did in due forme of Law take the oathes of Allegiance & supremacye and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament, entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons, & alsoe subscribed the Declaracon menconed in the sd. Act, and then tooke the oath well & truely to execute the office of [? Alderman and] Justice of peace wthin. this Burrough before Gervase Nevile Esq., Maj<sup>r</sup>, Martin Headley, Joseph Bawmer & Willm. Rooke, Aldermen, Bartholomew Blades, Richard Hey, & Thomas Hardwicke, three of the Assistants.

The like at the same time was done in due forme of Law by Thomas Dennison, William Cookeson & Christopher Jackson, gent., being elected Assistants of the Corporacon aforesd.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Comon Councell held att Leeds for the Burrough aforesd, the 27th day of July In the first yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James the 2d, By the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France & Ireland King. defender of the Faith &c., Annog. Dni. 1685.

Att this Court did appeare Gervase Nevile Esqr., Majr, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, John Killinbecke, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, Henry Stanhope, Esqrs., Aldermen, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Richard Hey, Isaac Blackburne, Bartholomew Blades, William Massie, Michaell Idle, Henry Pawson, John Preston, Thomas Hardwicke, Robert Potter, Thomas Dennison, William Cookeson, Xpofer Jackson: the rest made default (vizt.)

Godfrey Lawson Thomas Dixon Martin Headley Willm. Pickering William Sawer

Aldermen

John Hodgson Thomas Foster Joshua Hill Thomas Kitchinman > Assistants John Kitchinman John Robinson Thomas Bickerdike Marck Broadley

Att this Court Ordered That New By-Lawes bee made & drawne upp for the better rule & government of this Corporacon and that the same shall be ingressed & p'sented to the Judges att the next Assizes to bee held for the County of Yorke for theire allowance thereof.

Ordered that such Freeholders wthin, the Burrough as pay theire respective p'porcons of the six Monthes' Assessmt. made towards the defraying the charges of obtaining the present Charter shall bee for the future exempted from paying Is 6d a peece (according to former custome for keeping them from being returned att Assizes or Sessions), and shall notwthstanding be freed att the charge of the Corporacon.

Ordered that Mr. Alder. Sawer, the present Trear. [Treasurer] doe pay to Mr. Major the charge of getting the By-Lawes made & ingrossed and the charges in obtaining the Judges' allowance thereof att the next Assizes, and alsoe for getting the Charter allowed for exempting the Freeholders of this Burrough from serveing att Assizes or Sessions according to the priviledge granted in our Charter.

Mr. Michaell Idle, one of the Assistants of this Cort, informing the same of a suite depending in the Dutchy Cort at Westmer, between the Towne of Kingston upon Hull & Joseph Pinckney of this Towne for & concerning the non paymt. of Toll to the sd. Towne of Hull & moveing that the said suite might be defrayed att a publicke charge. Upon due consideracon by this Court had of the premisses & upon reading of an Order (to the like effect) made at a Cort of Majr, Aldermen & Assistents the 29th day of Sepbr in the 27th yeare of the raigne of King Charles the 2d It is ordered by this Court that the present suite now depending as aforesd. And all Accons. or suites hereafter to be comenced by or agt. any Inhabitant of this Burrough for the non paymt. of Toll to the Townes of Kingston upon Hull, Wakefeild, or any other place, shall be p'secuted & defended att the charge of the Inhabitants of this Burrough upon application to be first made by the p'son or p'sons concerned to this Court.

Ordered that noe Member of the Comon Councell shall at any time depte [depart] the Cort wthout the licence of the Majr (for the time being) upon paine of forfeiting the sume of 2<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> to the use of the Corporacon.

Ordered that Gervase Nevile Esqr., the present Maj<sup>r</sup>, Mr. Alderman Rooke & Mr. Alderman Ibbetson & ev'y other p'son & p'sons who have rec'd. & have in theire hands any sume or sumes of money due to the Corporacon by Fines shall bring & pay the same in att the next Co<sup>rt</sup>.

Ordered that the Table of Fees (to be due & payable to the Comon Clarke of this Burrough) now presented & read by Mr. Morris, the present Comon Clarke, be allowed & presented to the Judges att the next Assizes for their allowance if they thinke convenient & fitt to be allowed.

**The Court** of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesd. the 21<sup>th</sup> day of September in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James the second, Annoq. Dni. 1685.

Att this Cort did appeare Gervase Nevile Esqr., Majr, Marmaduke Hick, John Killinbecke, Willm. Pickering, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Willm. Sawer, & Henry Stanhope, Aldermen, Christopher Pawson, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, John Hodgson, Richard Hey, Isaac Blackburne, Bartholomew Blades, Thomas Kitchinman, William Massie, Michell. Idle, John Robinson, Henry Pawson, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Robt. Potter, Mark Broadley, Thomas Dennison, William Cookeson, Christopher Jackson, Assistants: the rest made default (vizt.)

Henry Skelton
Godfrey Lawson, non. jur.
Thomas Dixon
Martin Headley
Joshua Ibbetson

Thomas Foster
Joshua Hill, non. jur.
John Kitchinman
men
John Preston

Assist-

Att this Cort Alderman Ibbetson & Alderman Sawer were appointed as p'sons fitly quallified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing, upon Tuesday the Nine & Twentieth day of this instant, September, being Michmas. day.

Alderman Ibbetson votes—14 28
Alderman Sawer votes—14

**The Court** of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the Nine & twentieth day of September in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the second, Annoq. Dni. 1685.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Joshua Ibbetson, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of Law elected Maj<sup>r</sup> of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing, whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe give him noetice thereof And alsoe sumon him to be & appeare att the next gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the sd. Burrough on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October next comeing, then & there to take upon him the said office according to the directon of his late Maties. Lres. Patents in that behalfe.

Ordered that Mr. Sawer, the pre'ent Trear. of this Burrough, doe give in his Accounts at the next Court, And Alderman Stanhope & Mr. Christopher Pawson are elected & appointed Trears. for the yeare ensueing, Mr. Stanhope to keep the money & Mr. Pawson to keep the Books.

Memorandu. that upon the Eighth day of October, being Thursday, in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France & Ireland King, defender of the Faith, &c., Joshua Ibbetson Esqr., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough and Major Elect, did in due forme of Law take the oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons) and alsoe subscribed ye Declaracon menconed in the said Act, And then tooke the oath well & truly to execute the office of Maj<sup>r</sup> of this Burrough before Gervase Nevile Esqr., present Maj<sup>r</sup>, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter & Willm. Rooke, Aldermen.

I, Joshua Ibbetson, doe declare that I hold that there lies no obligacon upon Me or any other person from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & Covenant, And that the same was in itselfe an unlawfull oath and imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme against the Knowne Lawes & Liberties of the Kingdome.

[Signed] Joshua Ibbetson.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesd. the 23<sup>th</sup> day of No<sup>br</sup> in the first yeare of the Raigne of o<sup>r</sup> Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup>, Annoq. dni. 1685.

Att this Cort did appeare Joshua Ibbetson Esq., Majr, Gervase Nevile, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Martin Headley, John Killingbecke, Willm. Pickering, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, William Sawer & Henry Stanhope, Aldermen, John Hodgson, Thomas Foster, Richard Hey, Isaac Blackburne, Bartholomew Blades, Thomas Kitchinman, Michaell Idle, John Robinson, Henry Pawson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Robert Potter, Thomas Dennyson, Wm. Cookeson, Xpofer Jackson, Assistants: the rest made default (vizt.)

Godfrey Lawson
non. jur. Aldermen

Joseph Bawmer

Aldermen

Joshua Hill, non. jur.

John Kitchinman
Marck Broadley

Xpofer Pawson
Edward Caddy
AssistJoshua Hill, non. jur.
John Kitchinman

At this Court Mr. John Dodgson was duely elected one of the Assistants of this Corporacon in the roome of Mr. Alderman Stanhope [i.e. to the place vacated by Mr. Stanhope on his election as Alderman—15 June 1685].

Memorandu. that upon the 22<sup>th</sup> day of December, being Tuesday, in the first yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James the 2<sup>d</sup>, by the Grace of God of England &c. King &c., John Dodgson gent. did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. (Entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons) and alsoe subscribed the declaracon

menconed in the said Act and then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the office of an Assistant of this Corporacon before Joshua Ibbetson, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Gervase Nevile, Thomas Potter, William Rooke & William Sawer, Aldermen, Michaell Idle & Henry Pawson, Assistants, of the Burrough aforesaid.

I, John Dodgson, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon me or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & Covenant and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull oath and imposed upon the subjects of this Realme against the knowne Lawes & Libties. of the Kingdome.

[Signed] Jno. Dodgson.

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**The Court** of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Alderman [sic] & assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July in ye second yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James ye second, Annoq. dni. 1686.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Joshua Ibbetson Esq., Maj<sup>r</sup>, Gervas Nevile, Henry Skelton, Martin Headley, William Pickering, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Willm. Sawre & Henry Stanhope, Aldermen, Chr. Pawson, Edward Caddy, Isaac Blackburne, William Massye, Michaell Idle, John Robinson, Henry Pawson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Robt. Potter, Marke Broadley, Thomas Dennison, Xpofer Jackson, John Dodgson, Assistants: the rest made default (vizt.)

Marmaduke Hicke
Godfrey Lawson
Thomas Dixon
John Killinbecke
Joseph Bawmer

Aldermen

Adam Hargrave
John Hodgson
Thomas Foster
Richard Hey
Thomas Kitchinman
John Kitchinman
William Cookeson

Assistants

Att this Court William Cottam gent. was duely elected one of the Assistants of this Burrough in the place of Bartholomew Blades, decd.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 21th. day of September in the 2<sup>d</sup> yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup>, Annoq. dni. 1686.

Att this Cort did appeare Joshua Ibbetson, Majr, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, William Rooke & Henry Stanhope, Aldermen, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, John Hodgson, Isaac Blackburne, Thomas Kitchinman, Wm. Massye, John Robinson, Henry Pawson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Robert Potter, Marke Broadley, Thomas Dennison, John Dodgson, Assistants: the rest made default.

Ordered that Mr. Alderman Sawer doe give in his Accts. of money recd. & disbursed by him as Trear. to this Corporacon att the next Co<sup>rt</sup> (wch. will be on Michmas. day next) in pursuance of an Order of the 29<sup>th</sup> of Sep<sup>br</sup> last.

Mr. Alder. Dixon, Mr. Alder. Headley, Mr. Alderman Sawer & Mr. Alder. Stanhope were noiated [nominated] Lights, out of which Mr. Alder. Sawer & Mr. Alder. Stanhope are elected Candidates, one of wch. to be elected to the Office of Maj<sup>r</sup> of this Burrough upon Michmas. day next for the yeare ensueing.

Ordered that Mr. Joshua Hill have noetice to appeare at the next Cort to shew cause why he does not take upon him the Office of An Assistant of this Corporacon pursuant to his Maties Lres. Patents.

Mr. Alder Pickering appeared after the electon of ye Candidates.

<sup>1</sup>Memorandu. that the thirtieth day of September in the second yeare of the raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord James the 2<sup>d</sup>, By the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France & Ireland King, defender of the Faith &c., William Cottam gentl. did in due forme & Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament, Entituled An Act for regulacon of Corporacons, and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act and then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the Office of an Assistant of this Corporacon before Joshua Ibbetson, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Henry Stanhope, Alder., and Thomas Bickerdike & Marke Broadley, Assistants.

I, William Cottam, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon me or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & Covent. And that the same was in it selfe an unlawful Oath and imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme against the Knowne Lawes & Libertyes of the Kingdome.

[Signed] Wm Cottam.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September in the 2<sup>d</sup> yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup>, Annoq. dni. 1686.

Att this Cort did appeare Joshua Ibbetson, Majr, Gervase Nevile, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Martin Headley, William Pickering, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter & Henry Stanhope, Aldermen, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, John Hodgson, Thomas Foster, Richard Hey, Thomas Kitchinman, William Massey, John Kitchinman, Michaell Idle, John Robinson, Henry Pawson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Dennison, Wm. Cookeson, Xpofer Jackson & John Dodgson, Assistants: the rest made default.

Ordered that 2 Aldermen & 4 Assistants or the major parte of them (viz:) Mr. Dixon, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Hey, Mr. Massye, Mr. Thomas Kitchinman & Mr. Henry Pawson, doe take the Accts. of the Corporacon and examine the same And that they make theire Report at the next Cort how much the Corporacon is indebted, togeather wth. theire opinion what Course they think best to be taken to discharge the same And that they meet wthin. a month after this day to consider thereof And all p'sons concerned therein are to bring in theire Accounts.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Mr. William Sawre, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, is duely elected to the Office of Maj<sup>r</sup> of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing; of which electon the Serjeant at Mace is to give him noetice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This memorandum was evidently prepared for an earlier date and thus appears out of strict chronological order.

Memorandu. that upon the sixth day of October In the second yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James the second, By the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France & Ireland King, defender of the Faith &c., William Sawre Esqr. (Major Elect), one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. intituled (An Act for regulacon of Corporacons) And alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act: And then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the Office of Majr of this Burrough Before Joshua Ibbetson Esqr, present Majr, Gervase Nevile, Marmaduke Hick, Alder., Edward Caddy, Isaac Blackburne & John Preston, Assistants.

I, William Sawre, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon mee or any other p'son. from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League and Covent. And that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath and imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme against the Knowne Lawes & Libties. of this Kingdome.

[Signed] Wm. Sawer.

**The Court** of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & assistants held for ye said Burrough ye first day of November in ye yeare [sic] of ye raigne of o<sup>r</sup> Soveraigne Lord King James ye 2<sup>d</sup>, Annoq. dni. 1686.

Att this Cort. did appeare W<sup>m</sup> Sawre, Major, Gervase Nevile, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hicke, Thomas Dixon, William Pickering, Thomas Potter, Wm. Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson & Henry Stanhope, Aldermen, Edward Caddy, Adam Hargrave, Thomas Foster, Isaac Blackeburne, Wm. Massey, Michaell Idle, John Robinson, John Preston, Thomas Hardwicke, Robert Potter, Xpofer Jackson, John Dodgson, Assistants: ye rest made default (vizt):—

Godfrey Lawson Martin Headley John Killingbecke Joseph Bawmer

Aldermen

Xpofer Pawson
John Hodgson
Richard Hey
Joshua Hill
Tho: Kitchinman
Jnº Kitchinman
Henry Pawson
Tho. Bickerdike
Marke Broadley
Tho: Dennison
Wm. Cookson
Wm. Cottam

Assistants

Whereas Mr. Robert Nesse, Serjeant att Mace, gave Informa. to this Cort upon Oath yt. Mr. John Killingbecke, one of ye Aldermen of this Burrough, by reason of his Infirmities & Old Age desired to resigne his said office of Alderman, and being put to ye Vote whether or noe ye said Mr. Killingbecke resignacon should be accepted of, it was carryed in ye affirmitive.

This Co<sup>rt</sup> p'ceeding to ye ellecon of an Alderman of this Burrough in ye place of ye said Mr. Killingbecke, Mr. Thomas Kitchinman, one of ye assistants of this Burrough, is duely elected one of ye Aldermen of this Burrough & ye Serjeant att Mace is to give him noetice of such his elleccon to take ye said office upon him.

Whereas itt appeares by an Order of ye Cort of Majr, Aldermen & Assistants held for ye Burrough aforesaid the 20th day of March in 32th yeare of ye raigne of or late Sov'agne Lord King Charles ye 2d (of blessed memory) yt. ye sume of fifteene poundes was paid into ye hands of Alderman Headley to p'cure ye Charter of this Burrough to be enrolled in his Matyes. Cort of Excheger att Westmer of which said sume of fifteene poundes ye said Mr. Headley disbursed & laid out onely two poundes, twelve shillings & sixpence as appeared by the Acct. of ye said Mr. Headley It was thereupon ordered yt ye said Mr. Headley should upon noetice thereof pay unto ye said Alderman Sykes then Treasurer ye sume of twelve poundes, seaven shillings & six pence being ye remaineder of ye said fifteene poundes & resting in his handes as by ye said order (relacon being thereto had) may att Large appeare—And whereas ye said Mr. Headley hath not pd ye said sume of twelve poundes, seaven shillings & six pence pursuant to ye Order aforesaid but doth still keepe & detaine ye same in his handes in contempt of (and contrary to ye contents of) ye said Order It is therefore by this Cort. orderd yt. ye said Mr. Headley doe pay ye said sume of twelve poundes, seaven shillings & six pence into ye handes of Mr. Alderman Stanhope & Mr. Xpofer Pawson (ye present Trears.) or ye one of them: and ye Serjeant att Mace is hereby ordered to serve ye said Mr. Headley with a coppy of this Order & to request his answer thereto: And to make his report thereof att ve next Cort. of Majr, Aldermen & assistants to be held for this Burrough on Munday ye sixth day of December next ensueing.

Wheras by an Order of this Cort of ye 29th of September last past Mr. Alderman Dixon, Mr. Alderman Pickering, Mr. Richard Hey, Mr. William Massey, Mr. Thomas Kitchinman & Mr. Henry Pawson or ye major part of ym. were appointed A Comittee to inspect ye Accts. of ye corporacon & to consider of some fitt meanes to pay ye debts of ye corporacon And to report their p'ceedings herein to this Cort. The said Mr. Dixon, Mr. Pickering & Mr. Massey have informed this Cort yt. ye said Comittee have met pursuant to ye said Order but have not yet comed to any resolucon in ye premises and being a concerne of importance doe request further time may be given them to make their reporte. It is therefore Ordered by this Cort. yt. Mr. Nevile & Mr. Idle be added to ye said Comittee and that they or ye major parte of them doe consider of ye premises in ye said in pte. recited Order & make their reporte thereof to this Cort. upon Munday ye sixth day of december next ensueing And ye said Comittee are hereby Likewise impowred to discourse with ye late severall respective Masters or other pr'nciple Members of every late respective Company of this corporacon in Order to their renewing of their severall Constitutions & to make their report thereof alsoe ye same day And further ye said Comitte. are appointed to consider of a fitt place in Leeds for ye building of a comon Backhouse & to informe ye Cort. of yt. likewise ye same day

It is Ordered yt. ye severall & respective Masters or other principle members of ye late severall Companyes of Clothworkers, Mercers, Milnewrights, Cordwayners, Taylors, Smiths, and others formerly concerned in ye said Companies wthin. this Burrough upon noetice doe attend ye Comittee appointed to discourse with them concerning ye renewing of their severall Orders & constitutions for preventing of Abuses in their severall trades.

The names of ye Comittee.

Gervase Nevile
Thomas Dixon
Wm. Pickering

Aldermen
Wm. Massey
Michaell Idle
Henry Pawson

The names of ye Comittee.
Richard Hey
Tho. Kitchingman
Wm. Massey
Hichaell Idle
Henry Pawson

I, Thomas Kitchinman, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon mee or any other p'son. from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & Covenant And that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath and imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme against the knowne Lawes & Libties of the Kingdome.

[signed] Tho: Kitchingman.

Memdum. that upon the fifth day of November In the second yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James the second, By the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France & Ireland King, defender of the Faith, &c., Thomas Kitchinman gent., one of the Assistants of this Burrough, did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament entituled (An Act for regulacon of Corporacons) And alsoe subscribed the Declaracon menconed in the said Act and then tooke the oath well & truly to execute the office of an Alderman & Justice of the peace wthin. this Burrough before William Sawre Esqr., Maj<sup>r</sup>, Gervase Nevile, William Pickering, Joseph Bawmer, Aldermen, & Adam Hargrave & John Preston, Assistants.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & assistants held for the said Burrough the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December in the 2<sup>d</sup> Yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1686.

Att this Cort did appeare William Sawer, Majr, Gervase Nevile, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Martin Headley, William Pickering, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, Henry Stanhope & Thomas Kitchinman, Aldermen, Edward Caddy, Thomas Foster, Richard Hey, William Massey, Michaell Idle, Henry Pawson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Robt. Potter, Thomas Dennison, William Cookeson, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Assistants: the rest made default.

Ordered that an Accon be brought agt. Mr. Headley att the suite of the Corporacon for the sume of twelve pounds, seaven shillings & six pence wch. he is indebted to the Corporacon.

Ordered that after the expiracon of the present Maj<sup>rs</sup> time or Maj'ralty noe more shall be paid out of the p'fitts ariseing from the Bayliwicke then [sic] sixty five poundes p Annu. to the succeeding Maj<sup>rs</sup>, the remaing. sume to be paid to the Corporacons Treare. towards the dischargeing debts.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December in the 2<sup>d</sup> yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1686.

Att this Cort did appeare William Sawre, Majr, Gervase Nevile, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Martin Headley, Joseph Bawmer, William Rooke, Henry Stanhope & Thomas Kitchinman, Aldermen,

Edward Caddy, John Hodgson, Isaac Blackburne, William Massey, John Kitchinman, Michaell Idle, Henry Pawson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Thomas Dennison, Willm. Cookeson, Christopher Jackson, John Dodgson & Willm. Cottam, Assistants: the rest made default.

Ordered that a tenn fold lay be laid upon the Parish for & towards defraying of the charges expended about the toll agt. Hull & Wakefield and for defending the suit about Pontefract Lane.

Whereas Mr. Godfrey Lawson, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, hath requested this Co<sup>rt</sup> to accept of his Resignacon of his said place or office of Alderman, this Co<sup>rt</sup> upon his said request have accepted of his said Resignacon and in his stead & place have duely elected Mr. Christopher Pawson (one of the Assistants of this Burrough) to be one of the Aldermen thereof, of which electon the Serjeant at Mace is to give him formall noetice.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Mr. Henry Hetherington of Holbecke is duely elected one of the Assistants of this Burrough in the place & stead of Mr. Thomas Kitchinman [elected Alderman 1st November 1686].

Att this Cort alsoe Mr. Joseph Pinckney was elected one of the Assistants of this Burrough in the stead & place of Mr. Joshua Hill.

I, Henry Hetherington

Doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon Me or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & Coven<sup>t</sup> and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath & imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme agt. the known Lawes & Libtyes of the Kingdome.

[signed] Henry Hethrington.
,, Jos. Pinckney.

Memdum that upon the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December In the second yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James the second, By the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, defender of the Faith &c., Henry Hetherington gent. did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremecye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament entitled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons, And alsoe subscribed the Declaracon menconed in the said Act and then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the Office of an Assistant of this Corporacon before William Sawre Esqr., Maj<sup>r</sup>, Gervase Nevile, Thomas Dixon & Henry Stanhope, Esqrs., Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaac Blackburne & William Massye, Assistants.

The like was done by Joseph Pinckney the same day before the same p'sons being likewise sworne one of the Assistants of this Burrough.

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The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 22<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>r</sup>y in the 2d. yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1686.

Upon further consideracon of the charges already expended in defending a suite brought by the Townes of Hull & Wakefeild agt. the Towne & Parish of Leeds for Tolls in the Dutchy Cort; and the charges of defending a traverse at the next Assizes at the Castle of Yorke upon an

Indictm<sup>t</sup> agt, the Inhabitants of the Parish of Leeds p'secuted by Mr. Robert Baines jun. about a way leadeing betwixt Leeds & Crosse Greene: It is thought that a tenn fold lay according to an Order of this Cort of the 20th of December last will not be sufficient to defray the said charge. It is therefore Ordered by this Cort that a twelve fold lay be laid through the whole Parish for & towards the defraying the charges aforesaid And that this Order or words to the same purpose be made a preamble to the said Assessmt. and that Warrts be sent out to the sev'all & respective Constables wth, theire sev'all & respective p'porcons of the said 12 fold lay soe to be collected and that the said Constables doe bring in the said sev'all & respective sumes of money according to their said sev'all p'porcons and pay the same to the hands of Wm. Sawre Esqr. (present Majr) att the sp'iall Sessions of the peace to be held for the said Burrough upon Munday the 14th day of Febry next ensueing upon paine of an Estreate to be laid upon such p'son & p'sons as shall refuse the paymt thereof.

And Mr. Hick & Mr. Idle are appointed to assist Mr. Maj<sup>r</sup> in defending the traverse about the said way.

Mr. Christopher Pawson (being sent for by this Cort & now present) being desired by this Cort to give in his answere to an Order of the last Cort by which he was elected one of the Aldermen of this Burrough the said Mr. Pawson refused to accept of & take upon him the said office of Alderman & desired to be exempted from all offices wthin the said Burrough and that he might resigne his Office or place of one of the Ass'sts, of this Burrough and referred himselfe to this Cort for such fine as this Cort should think fitt to impose upon him, Whereupon (the said Mr. Pawson being wthdrawne) this Cort have (upon mature delibacon.) sett & imposed a reasonable Fine of twenty poundes upon the said Mr. Pawson; who (upon request) came againe into Cort and was informed thereby of such fine soe sett & imposed upon him as aforesaid, which the said Mr. Christopher Pawson told this Cort he would never pay. It is therefore Ordered by this Cort that a warrt bee issued out agt. the said Christopher Pawson under the Comon Seale of this Burrough, directed to the Serjeant at Mace & Deputye Constable of the said Burrough, comanding them & either of them to demand the said sume of twenty poundes pursuant to this Order and in case of refusall of the paymt. thereof by the said Xpofer Pawson that then they or the one of them doe levye the said sume of twenty poundes upon the goods & chattells of the said Xpofer Pawson rendering to him the Overplus (if there be any) and for want of Goods & chattells whereby to levye the said sume of twenty poundes that then they or the one of them doe Attach the body of him the said Xpofer Pawson and him in custodye safely keepe till he pay the said sume of twenty poundes imposed upon him as aforesaid.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for ye said Burrough ye 2<sup>d</sup> day of May in ye third yeare of the raigne of or Sov'aigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1687.

Att this Cort did appeare Willm. Sawre, Major, Gervase Nevile, Marmaduke Hicke, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Pickering, Joseph Bawmer, Willm. Rooke, Henry Stanhope & Thomas Kitchinman, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Thomas Foster, Richard Hey, Isaac Blackburne, Willm. Massie, Michaell Idle, John Robinson, Henry Pawson, John

Preston, Thomas Hardwicke, Robt. Potter, Marck Broadley, Tho: Dennison, Willm. Cookeson, Xpofer. Jackson, John Dodgson, Willm. Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Assistants: the rest made default.

Ordered that the Order of ye 22<sup>th</sup> of January last concerning Mr. Pawson be confirmed & that pursuant to the same he shall pay ye twenty pounds fine imposed by ye same And yt out of ye said twenty poundes shall be deducted two poundes tenn shillings to reimburse ye said Mr. Pawson wch. he is out of purse about obteining this present Charter.

Att this Cort Mr. Willm. Massye, one of ye Assists. of this Burrough, is duely elected to ye place of one of ye Aldermen of ye same Burrough in ye place & stead of Mr. Christopher Pawson lately Elected, who refused to accept of ye said office.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> likewise Mr. Henry Pawson is duely elected to ye office of one of ye Aldermen of this Burrough in the place of Mr. Martin Headley, decd.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Mr. Benjamine Wade<sup>1</sup> is Elected one of ye Assists. of this Burrgh. in ye place of Mr. Christopher Pawson And the Serjeant at Mace is to give him noetice of such his Eleccon.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> Likewise Robert Baines of Knostroop jun., gen., is duely Elected to ye Office of one of ye Assistants of this Burrough in ye place of Mr. Edward Caddy decd., and the Serjeant Att ye Mace is to give him noetice of such his Electon.

Att this Court Mr. Alderman Stanhope is elected sole Trear. of this Corporacon.

I, William Massye, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon Me or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & covent. and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath and imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme agt. the knowne Lawes & Libties of the Kingdome. [signed] Wm. Massie.

Memdum. that upon the sixth day of May In the third yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James the second, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France & Ireland King, defender of the Faith, &c., William Massye, gentl., did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup>, entituled An Act for regulacon of Corporacons, and alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act, And then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the Office of an Alderman & Justice of the peace wthin. this Burrough before William Sawre, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Aldermen, Isaac Blackburne, Richard Hey & Michaell Idle, Assistants of this Burrough.

I, Henry Pawson, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe Obligacon upon me or any other person from the Oath Comonly called the Solemne League and Covenant And that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath and imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme agt. the known Lawes & Libties. of the Kingdome. [signed] Henry Pawson.

Memdum. that upon the third day of June in ye third yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James the second, by the Grace of God

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Son of Anthony Wade of New Grange. Died 1716.

of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, King, defender of the Faith, &c., Henry Pawson, Gent., did in due forme of Law take the Oaths of Allegiance & supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> entituled (An Act for regulacon of Corporacons) And alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act, and then tooke the Oath well and truely to execute the Office of an Alderman & Justice of the peace within this Burrough before William Sawre, Major, Willm. Rooke, Alder., Mr Idle, Thomas Dennison, Wm. Cookeson, John Dodgson, Assistants of this Burrough.

I, Randolph Briggs Doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon mee or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & Coven<sup>t</sup> and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath and imposed upon the subjects of this Realme agt. the knowne Lawes & Libties of the Kingdome.

[signed] Randolph Briggs., John Rontree.

<sup>1</sup>Memdum. that upon the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June in the third yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Randolph Briggs gent. & John Rontree gent. did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament (entituled An Act for regulacon of Corporacons) And alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act, and then tooke the oath well & truly to execute the Office of an Assistant (respectively) of this Corporacon before William Sawer, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Marmaduke Hick, Joshua Ibbetson & Henry Stanhope, Alder., Thomas Bickerdike, Assistant.

<sup>1</sup>I, Michaell Idle, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe Obligacon upon Me or any other person from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & Covent., and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath & imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme against the knowne Lawes & Libtyes of the Kingdome. [signed] Mich<sup>1</sup> Idle.

¹Memorandum that upon the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June in the 3<sup>d</sup> yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Michaell Idle gent. did in due form of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament entituled (an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons) And alsoe subscribed the Declaracon menconed in the said Act and then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the Office of an Alderman & Justice of the Peace wthin. this Burrough before Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Henry Stanhope, William Massye, Aldermen, and Isaacc Blackburne & Richard Hey, Assistants.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistents held for the Burrough aforesaid the II<sup>th</sup> day of June in the third yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1687.

Att this Court did appeare William Sawre, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Gervase Nevile, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchinman & William Massye, Alder., Adam Hargrave, Richard Hey, Isaac

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Entered out of chronological order.

Blackburne, John Kitchinman, Michaell Idle, John Robinson, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Robert Potter, Mark Broadley, Wm. Cookeson, John Dodgson, Henry Hetherington & Joseph Pinckney, Assistents: the rest made default.

Memdum. this Co<sup>rt</sup> doth allow to Mr. Rooke the sume of Seaventeene poundes & ten shillinges out of the twenty poundes Fine wch. is sett upon Mr. Christopher Pawson, wch. Mr. Alderman Stanhope the Trear. is to account to this Court & to take a receipt for the same from the said Mr. Rooke.

Upon reading of Mr. Benjamine Wade's lre. to Mr. Maj<sup>r</sup> for excuseing his takeing upon him the Office of an Assistant of this Burrough according to an electon of the last Cort. it is ordered that the same shall be respited till the next Cort. to be farther considered on as to the said electon.

Ordered that all persons who are above the sume of five poundes out of purse for any thing laid out by them concerning the businesse of the Corporacon shall be reimbursed by Degrees till they come to the sume of five poundes Soe that they may be & stand in the same circumstances wth. such persons as are out of purse five poundes & noe more And that such sume & sumes of money due to any p'son or p'sons upon the Acct. aforesaid shall be paid by the Trear. for the time being out of the Corporacon Stock by an Order first had & obtained from this Co<sup>rt</sup> for the same & not otherwise.

Ordered that Mr. Stanhope, the present Treare., doe pay Mr. John Gibson's Bill amounting to the sume of twelve poundes odd money & place the same to the Acct. of the Corporacon.

Whereas Rob<sup>t</sup> Nesse, the Serjeant at Mace, hath made report to this Court that he gave noetice to Robert Baines of Knawstrop jun., gent., of his due eleccon into the office of one of the Assistants of this Burrough and that he the said Rob<sup>t</sup> Nesse tendered the said Robert Baines A copy of an Order of this Co<sup>rt</sup> of such his eleccon wch. the said Rob<sup>t</sup> Baines refused to receive or take noetice of. It is therefore ordered by this Co<sup>rt</sup> that a copy of the said Order be left at the house of the said Robert Baines by the said Serjeant at Mace and that he doe sumons the said Robert Baines to appeare at the next Co<sup>rt</sup> of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistents to be held for this Burrough, And the Serjeant at Mace is then to make a returne upon Oath of his doeings herein.

At this Cort Mr. Michaell Idle is duely elected one of the Aldermen of this Burrough in the place & stead of Mr. William Pickering, lately deceased.

At this Co<sup>rt</sup> Mr. Randolph Briggs is duely elected one of the Assistants of this Burrough in the place of Mr. Willm. Massye lately elected one of the Aldermen of this Burrough.

At this Co<sup>rt</sup> Mr. John Rontree is likewise elected to the office of one of the Assistants of this Burrough in ye place of Mr. Henry Pawson, lately elected one of the Aldermen thereof.

Memdum, that the p'ceedings at this Cort ought to have been entered before the precedeing ....¹ [signed] C. Morris.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A word missing.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistents held for the said Burrough the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August in the 3<sup>d</sup> years of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1687.

Att this Court did appeare William Sawer, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchinman, William Massye, Henry Pawson, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Richard Hey, Isaac Blackburne, John Robinson, Thomas Hardwicke, Marck Broadley, Thomas Dennison, William Cookeson, Xpofer Jackson, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Randolph Briggs, Assistents: the rest made default.

Whereas Robert Baines of Knawstrop in the Burr. aforesaid, jun., gent., att a Cort of Majr, Aldermen & Assistents held for the said Burrough the second day of May last past was by the said Court duely elected & chosen into the Office & place of one of the Assistents of this Burrough in the place & stead of Mr. Edward Caddy lately deceased, And whereas by an Order of the said Cort of Majr, Aldermen & Assistents held for the said Burrough on the eleaventh day of June last past Robert Nesse, the Serjeant att Mace for the said Burrough, was ordered to give noetice to the said Mr. Robt. Baines of such his election into the Office of one of the Assistents of this Burrough as aforesaid, by leaveing with (or at the house of) the said Mr. Robert Baines a copy of the said Order of such his election and to sumon him to appeare at this Court to take the said Office upon him pursuant to the said Order as by the said respective Orders in parte as before recited, relacon being thereto had may more plainely appeare. Now whereas the said Robert Nesse hath made return (upon his corporall Oath) to this Cort that he did p'sonally serve the said Mr. Robert Baines wth, a coppy of the Order of such his electon as aforesaid & requested the said Mr. Robert Baines to appeare pursuant to the said Order to take the said Office upon him Yett notwthstanding the said noetice & sumons as aforesaid the said Robert Baines doth not appeare to take upon him the place & office aforesaid according to the said Election or to shew reasonable cause to the contrary but standeth out in contempt & refuseth to take the said Office upon him. This Court therefore upon mature deliberacon doe impose & sett a Fine or penaltye of forty poundes upon him for such his refusall & contempt and upon his refusall of paymt. thereof that a warrt, be issued out under the Comon Seale of this Burrough, directed to the Serjeant at Mace & the Constables of the said Burrough, to levye the said sume of forty poundes by distresse & sale of the goods & chattells of the said Robert Baines (rendring to him the Overplus if any be), and that the Serjeant at Mace doe make a returne of his doeings herein at the next Cort of Comon Councell to be held for this Burrough.

Mr. Wade's Eleccon is further respited to the consideracon of the next Court.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the said Burrough the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September in the 3<sup>d</sup> years of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1687.

At this Cort did appeare William Sawer, Majr, Gervase Nevile, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, Willm. Rooke, Thomas Kitchinman, William Massye & Michaell Idle, Alder-

men, Adam Hargrave, John Dodgson, Thomas Foster, Isaac Blackburne, John Robinson, Robert Potter, Thomas Dennyson, William Cookeson, William Cottam & Joseph Pinckney, Assists.: the rest made default.

It is Ordered that Mr. Benjamine Wade have noetice to appeare at the next Co<sup>rt</sup> of Comon Councell to be held for this Burrough on St. Mathew day next ensueing, to take the Office of one of the Assistants of this Corporacon upon him according to his electon thereto on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of May last past, or else this Co<sup>rt</sup> will then p'ceed to sett a fine upon him for such his refusall.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 21<sup>th</sup> day of September in the 3<sup>d</sup> yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1687.

At this Court did appeare William Sawer, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Gervase Nevile, Thomas Dickson, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchinman & Willm. Massye, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Robt. Potter, Marck Broadley, Thomas Dennyson, Willm. Cookeson, Xpofer Jackson, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney & Randolph Briggs, Assistants: the rest made default.

Upon reading of Mr. Baines' lre. to this Cort, whereby he desires further time to appeare & give his answere touching his eleccon to the Office of one of the Assistants of this Corporacon; this Court haveing taken the premisses into consideracon doe respite all p'ceedings agt. the said Mr. Baines till Michmas. Day next ensueing.

The businesse concerning Mr. Wade's takeing upon him the Office of an Assistant of this Corporacon is also respited till further consideracon by this Court be had therein.

At this Court Mr. Alderman Stanhope & Mr. Alder. Kitchinman are appointed Lights (nemine contradicente), one of wch. is to be on Michmas. day next elected to the Office & place of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing.

Whereas it appeares to this Court that John Rontree, who was formerly elected one of the Assistants of this Burr., & tooke the Oath of the said Office upon him accordingly, yet notwthstanding hath neglected to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the usage of the Church of England and to take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye at the next Qr. Sessions according to the Statute in that case made & provided It is therefore declared by this Court that the said John Rontree is not a qualified Assistant of this Corporacon and therefore this Co<sup>rt</sup> doth (nemine contradicente) vote the said John Rontree ipe facto [sic] void as to the said Office of an Assistant of this Burrough.

The said John Rontree is at this Court duely elected de novo into the office or place of one of the Assistants of this Corporacon.

Memdum. that the day & yeare abovesaid the said John Rontree did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. (intuled. an Act for

regulacon of Corporacons), and also subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act and then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the Office of one of the Assistants or Comon Councell men of this Corporacon in the presence of (& at) this Court.

I, John Rontree, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon Me or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the Solemne league & Covent. and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull oath & imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme agt. the knowne Lawes & Libties. of the Kingdome. [signed] John Rontree.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistents held for the Burrough aforesaid the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>br</sup> in the 3<sup>d</sup> yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1687.

At this Court did appeare William Sawre, Major, Gervase Nevile, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dickson, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Massye, Henry Pawson & Michaell Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Hodgson, Thomas Foster, Richard Hey, Isaac Blackburne, Thomas Hardwicke, Robt. Potter, Marck Broadley, William Cookeson, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington & Joseph Pinckney, Assist.: the rest made default.

At this Cort. Mr Robert Baines appeared and in his behalfe William Lowther of Swillington Esqr., who endeavored to prevaile wth. the Court to excuse the said Mr. Baines from serveing the Office of an Assistant of this Burrough, to which office the said Mr Baines was by this Court on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of May last duely elected; But the said Mr Lowther in his discourse cast sev'all reflexions upon the Cort and the Members thereof, And in p'ticuler said that he cared not for the Records of the Court for they were false & not to be trusted; And againe that noe p'son in the Court knew when reason was offered.

At this Cort Mr Alderman Stanhope is (nemine contradicente) elected Majr of this Towne and Burrough for the yeare ensueing And the Serjeant at Mace is hereby ordered to give him noetice of such his election & to sumon him to take the said Office upon him pursuant to his late Maties. gracious Lres. Patents granted to this Corporacon.

It is Ordered that Mr. Alderman Stanhope (the present Treasurer & Maj<sup>r</sup> elect) doe give up his account at the next Cort.; And Mr. Alderman Ibbetson is elected Treasurer for the yeare ensueing.

At this Court Mr. Benjamine Wade is fined the sume of Forty pounds for refuseing the Office of an Assistant of this Burrough according to his election to the said Office on the second day of May last past, wch. said sume of Forty poundes the Serjeant at Mace is hereby ordered to demand of the said Mr. Wade, And upon refusall of payment thereof that a warrant shall be issued out against him to levye the same.

Be it remembered that upon the Fifth day of Octob. in the third yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup>, Henry Stanhope Esq<sup>r</sup> (Maj<sup>r</sup> elect), one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. (intituled an Act for regulacon of Corporations) And alsoe subscribed the Declaracon menconed in the said Act And then tooke the Oath well & trulye to execute

the Office of Major of this Towne & Burrough before William Sawer Esq., precedent Majr.

I, Henry Stanhope, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe Obligacon upon me or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & Covent. and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath & imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme agt. the knowne Lawes & Liberties of the Kingdome. [signed] Henry Stanhope.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the said Burrough the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October in the 3<sup>d</sup> yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1687.

At this Cort. did appeare Henry Stanhope, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Gervase Neyile, Marmaduke Hick, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, Willm. Sawre, Thomas Kitchinman, Willm. Massye, Henry Pawson & Michaell Idle, Aldermen, Isaac Blackburne, John Kitchinman, John Robinson, Thomas Hardwicke, Robert Potter, Thomas Dennyson, William Cookeson, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs & John Rontree, Assistants: the rest made default.

At this Cort. Gervase Nevile, Thomas Dickson, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, William Sawre & Michell. Idle, Aldermen, Richard Hey, Thomas Dennyson & William Cookeson, Assistents, or the Major pte. of them, are appointed a Comittee of this Court to consider & conferre about all publick matters relateing to the Corporacon and to report such buesinesse to this Cort. from time to time as they shall think fitt & necessarye to be done & carryed on for the most advantage of the Towne & Burrough.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November in the third yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the second Annoq. dni. 1687.

At this Court did appeare Henry Stanhope, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Marmaduke Hick, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, William Sawer, Willm. Massye, Henry Pawson, Michaell Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Thomas Foster, Isaac Blackburne, John Kitchinman, John Robinson, Thomas Bickerdike, Robert Potter, Thomas Dennyson, William Cookeson, John Dodgson, Willm. Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs & John Rontree, Assistants: the rest made default.

At this Cort. the matter betwixt the company of Taylers of this Burrough & William Simpson, Tayler, touching the said Willm. Simpson's being made a Freeman of this Towne & Burrough was debated And upon heareing the Councell & Wittnesses on both sides it appeared to this Court that the said William Simpson had gained a Setlement in this Towne and therefore this Court admitted the said William Simpson to take the Oath of a Freeman of this Towne & Burrough, and the said William Simpson was fined the sume of twenty shillings to the use of the Corporacon for the same.

The said William Simpson was also ordered by this Cort. to pay to the said Company of Taylers the sume of five poundes for his freedome of the said Company, which he p'mised to doe &c.

f, s, d. Md. the said William Simpson paid to Mr. Major in Court for his freedome of the Corporacon, ut sup. 0 Md. alsoe Mr. Robt. Baines appeared & submitted to this Cort. & deliv'ed into the Cort. a Bagg of forty poundes for his fine sett upon him by this Court (as appeareth by the former Orders herein made) for refuseing to take upon 40 0 him the Office & place of one of the Assistants of this Corporacon. Which said sume of Forty poundes was also deliv'ed sealed up in a bagg to Mr. Major. At this Court Alsoe John Whitworth, late of Manchester, Stationer, was fined forty shillings for his freedome of this Corporacon, wch. he paid in Court & wch. was also recd. by Mr. Majr 0 Edmund Brookesbanck, spurrier, was alsoe fined twenty shillings for his freedome &c., but the Court in favor O IO returned him 108, soe he paid 108, wch. was recd. as aforesaid.

It is Ordered that Mr. Benjamine Wade be sumoned to appeare at the next Co<sup>rt</sup> of Comon Councell for this Burrough on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> instant to pay the sume of Forty poundes, being a fine sett upon him for refuseing to take upon him the Office & place of one of the Assistants of this Corporacon; and in default thereof that a Warrant be issued forth of this Court under the Comon Seale of the Burrough to levye the same.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the said Burrough the 26<sup>th</sup> day of No<sup>br</sup> in the 3<sup>d</sup> yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1687.

At this Court did appeare Henry Stanhope, Major, Gervase Nevile, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dickson, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Willm. Sawer, Thomas Kitchinman, William Massye, & Michaell Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Thomas Foster, Richard Hey, Isaac Blackburne, John Kitchinman, John Robinson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Thomas Dennyson, William Cookeson, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs & John Rontree, Assistants: the rest made default.

At this Cort Benjamine Waddington of Gleadhow in the Burrough aforesd, gent, was duely elected into the Office & place of one of the Assistants of this Corporation, of which electon the Serjeant at Mace is hereby ordered to give him noetice And to sumon him to appeare to take the said Office upon him &c.

John Skinner, late of Kingston upon Hull, Marchant, appeared at this Court & paid into the Court five Guinea peeces of Gold for his freedome of this Corporacon, but the Court in favor return'd him three guineas againe & £ s. d. onely tooke two, which was recd. by Mr. Majr 2 3 o [sic] The said John Skinner (being present in this Court) was duely elected into the place & office of one of the Assistants of this Corporacon and imediately after his election tooke the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremecye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament (intituled

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an Act for regulacon of Corporacons) and also subscribed the Declaracon menconed in the said Act and then tooke the oath well & truly to execute the Office & place of one of the Assistants of this Corporacon.

I, John Skinner, doe declare yt. I hold there lies noe obligation upon me or any other person from ye oath comonly called the Solemne League & Covenant & yt. the same was in it selfe an unlawfull oath & imposed upon ye Subjects of this realme against the knowne Laws & Liberties of the Kingdome. [signed] Jno: Skinner.

At this Court alsoe Henry Iveson of Black Banck in the Burrough aforesaid was duely elected into the Office and place of one of the Assistants of this Corporacon, of wch. election the Serjeant at Mace is hereby ordered to give him noetice and to sumon him to take the said Office upon him &c.

John Howton, late of [blank], Ruggmaker, was fined forty shillings for his freedome of this Towne & Burrough, wch. he paid in Court & thereupon was admitted a Freeman & was sworne accordingly.

The said 40<sup>s</sup> was recd. alsoe by Mr. Major

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It is Ordered by this Court that Mr. Alderman Idle (the Farmer of the Tolls) shall pay to Mr. Henry Stanhope (the present Major) the sume of Forty poundes at the two next ensueing Rent dayes, by equall porcons, as the same becomes due successively, and the residue of the Rent, wch. will afterwards become due & remaine in the said Mr. Idle's hand, this Court will further take into consideracon how to order & dispose thereof.

It is Ordered by this Court that the present Major doe upon demand pay out of the Corporacon Stock which he has in his hands the respective sumes due to the sev'all p'sons hereafter menconed in parte of what is due to them from the Corporacon for moneys disbursed by them respectively for the use of the Corporacon (vizt.) To Mr. Alderman Nevile 5f, Mr. Alderman Bawmer 12f, Mr. Alderman Potter 12f, Mr. Alderman Rooke 9f,  $7^s$  & to Castilian Morris [Town Clerk] 18f, which said sev'all sumes amount in the whole to 56f,  $7^s$  and shall be allowed to the said Mr. Major (being the late Trear.) upon his Account.

Peter Serjeant, late of Wakefeild, Sadler, was fined thirty shillings for his freedome of this Towne & Burrough, which he paid into this Co<sup>rt</sup> & had 10<sup>s</sup> thereof returned, & thereupon was admitted a Freeman & sworne accordingly. This was alsoe recd. by Mr. Major

It is Ordered that Mr. Major doe pay upon receipt of this Order the sume of 7f 10° 6° to Mr. Alderman Sawer (out of the forty poundes wch. Mr. Robt. Baines paid for his fine), being laid out by him for Councell Fees in this buesinesse And alsoe the sume of 2f 5° to Castilian Morris for bringing the Auedas [sic? Audeas] ad Curiam & drawing up all the p'ceedings in this buesinesse.

Ordered that the sume of One hundred & Fifty poundes shall be borrowed & taken up at int'est for & towards the payment of the Debts of the Corporacon; And that the Bayliwicke belonging to the Corporacon shall be given in securitye for the repayment thereof.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistants held for the said Burrough the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>br</sup> in the 3<sup>d</sup> years of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1687.

Att this Court did appeare Henry Stanhope, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Gervase Nevile, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, William Sawer, Thomas Kitchinman, Willm. Massye, Henry Pawson & Michel Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Thomas Foster, Richard Hey, Isaac Blackburne, John Kitchinman, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Robert Potter, Xpofer Jackson, John Dodgson, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Assists.: the rest made default.

Mr. Waddington's buesinesse concerning his election is further respited till the next Cort to be further considered of.

It is Ordered that the sume of tenne poundes shall be returned & paid back to Mr. Robert Baines out of the Forty poundes wch. he paid to this Court for his Fine sett upon him for refuseing to take upon him the Office & place of one of the Assistents of this Burrough.

John Williamson, late of Horsefoorth, Clockmaker, haveing made his applicacon to this Cort to be made a Freeman of this Corporacon: The Court (upon mature delibacon, thereof had) ordered the said John Williamson to pay the sume of five poundes to this Cort for his freedome as aforesaid, which the sd. John Williamson paid in Court & was afterwards duely sworne a Free Burgesse of this Burrough, And the said 5 f was recd. by Mr. Majr.

Memdum. that upon the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December in the 3<sup>d</sup> yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Henry Iveson, gent., did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons) And alsoe subscribed the Declaracon menconed in the said Act and then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the Office of one of the Assistants of this Burrough before Henry Stanhope, Major, Thomas Potter & Henry Pawson, Aldermen, Richard Hey & John Dodgson, Assistants.

I, Henry Iveson, doe declare that I hold that there lyes no obligacon upon Me or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the solemne League & Covent., and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath & imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme against the known Lawes & Libertyes of the Kingdome. [signed] Hen. Iveson.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistants held for the said Burrough the 31th. day of December in the 3<sup>d</sup> yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1687.

At this Court did appeare Henry Stanhope, Majr, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchinman, William Massye, Henry Pawson, Aldermen, Thomas Foster, Isaac Blackburne, John Kitchinman, John Robinson, John Preston, Thomas Hardwicke, Robert Potter, Marck Broadley, Thomas Dennyson, William Cookeson, Xpofer Jackson, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Assistants: the rest made default.

Mr. Major haveing recd. a lre. from the Right honble the Earle of

Sunderland significing thereby his Mattes pleasure that the goods of John Wales & other Quakers weh, had been taken from them upon the Account of theire Religious Worshippe & were yet unsold should be againe restored to the respective Owners as more at large appeares by the said Lre. weh, being read is ordered to be entered & is in these words followeing:—

Whitehall, Decem: 14th 1687.

Gentlemen

The King being informed that some Goods belonging to John Wales & other Quakers of Leeds which were seized & taken from them upon the Acct. of their religious Worpp. doe remaine unsold in the hands of John Todd who was Constable at the time of the Seizure or in the hands of some other persons: And his Matyes. intencon being that all his subjects shall receive the full benefitt of his Declaracon for Libertye of Conscience, his Matye. comands Mee to signifie his pleasure to you that you cause the Goods belonging to the said John Wales & all other Quakers of Leeds which were heretofore seized upon the Account of religious Wpp. and are unsold, in whose hands soever they remaine, to be foorthwith restored to the respective Owners wthout any charge.

I am, Gentlemen

Yor Affecconate freind and Servant

Sunderland P.

In Obedience to his Matyes, comand signified to us by the Lre, aforesaid It is Ordered that John Todd, Nicholas Netherwood, Robert Dickenson, Thomas Cawdray, James Hinchliffe, Samuell Hutton, Joseph Musgrave and Westrupp Laycocke, & all other Constables & Officers wthin. The Towne & Burrough of Leeds who were concerned in & at the time of the Seizure of the Goods of the said John Wales & other Quakers upon the Account of their religious Wpp. were Constables or other officers & did take & seize any of the Goods of the said John Wales & other Quakers or any other Quaker upon the Acct. aforesd., that they & ev'y of them doe respectively upon sight hereof restore to the said John Wales & other Quakers the p'ticuler & respective Goods which were seized & taken from them upon the Acct. of theire religious Wpp. as aforesaid and are yet remaining unsold in the hands of the said respective Constables or any other officer or any of them, as they & ev'y of them will Answere the contrary at his or theire p'ill.

To the said John Todd, Nicholas Netherwood, Robert Dickenson, Thomas Cawdray, James Hinchliffe, Samuell Hutton, Joseph Musgrave, Westrop Laycocke & all other p'son & p'sons whome this shall or may concerne.

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Leeds the 6th of Janry. 1687-8.

Right Honble

Wee recd. a lre. from yor Honor dated at Whitehall the 14th Decembrult. by which yor Lpp. signifies to us that it is his Matyes. pleasure that the goods belonging to John Wales & all others Quakers of Leeds wch. were heretofore seized upon the Acct. of religious Wpp. & are unsold, in whose hands soever they remaine,

shall be foorthwth, restored to the respective Owners wthout, any In Obedience whereunto wee have caused the persons who were concerned in the Seizure & takeing away of the Goods of the said John Wales & other Quakers to come before us And wee have examined the Cause of the seizure of the said Goods by the Records of the Sessions of the peace for this Burrough and we finde that in the 35 & 36 yeares of his late Matyes. Raigne the said John Wales & sev'all other Quakers were indicted & convicted as Rioters & were fined some 10, some 20s, some more & some lesse, for their respective Offences, for which p'sesse was issued out agt them & sev'all of their Goods were seized & taken by Vertue thereof: A Catalogue of wch. said Goods soe seized the said John Wales, Robert Arthington & Henry Ewbanck in behalfe of themselves & other Quakers have presented unto us with which we have charged the sev'all & respective persons who were Constables & officers at that time, to which they have made their sev'all Answeres And wee finde that some few of the goods soe seized were sold but that most of them doe yet remaine in the hands of the said John Todd & some other p'sons whome we have Ordered to restore againe to the respective Owners wthout. any charge and shall take care that it be effectually p'formed & his Matyes. will & pleasure therein punctually obeyed by My Lord

Marm. Hicke
Tho: Potter
Wm. Rooke
Wm. Sawer
Tho: Kitchinman
Wm. Massye
Hen. Pawson

Yor Honors most faithfull humble Servts. Henry Stanhope

Major.

Memdum. that upon the 21th. day of January in the 3<sup>d</sup> yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Benjamine Waddington of Gleadow, gent., did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons) And alsoe subscribed the declaracon menconed in the said Act and then tooke the oath well & truly to execute the Office of one of the Assistants of this Burrough before Henry Stanhope, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Marmaduke Hick, William Rooke, Willm. Sawer, Michaell Idle, Alder., Thomas Bickerdike, Willm. Cookeson, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, Assists.

I, Benjamine Waddington, doe declare that I hold that there Iyes noe obligacon upon Me or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & Covent., and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath & imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme agt. the knowne Laws & Libertyes of the Kingdome.

[signed] Benjamin Waddington.

**The Court** of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistents held for the Burrough aforesaid the 2<sup>d</sup> day of March in the fourth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1687 [8].

At this Cort did appeare Henry Stanhope, Major, Gervase Nevile, Thomas Dixon, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, Willm. Sawer, Willm. Massye & Henry Pawson, Aldermen, Thomas Foster, Isaac Blackburne, John Robinson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdicke, Thomas Hardwicke, Robert Potter, Willm. Cookeson, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, John Rontree, John Skinner, Benjamine Wadington, Assistents: the rest made default.

Ordered that the Order of the 29th. of Sepbr. last past, by which Mr. Alderman Ibbetson was ordered to be Trear., shall be made void & is hereby made void by reason of the said Mr. Ibbotson's indisposicon of body which hinders him from giveing his appearance at this Cort and Mr. Thomas Hardwicke, one of the Assistants of this Burrough, is hereby appointed Trear. in his roome for the yeare ensueing.

Ordered that Mr. Hardwicke, the present Trear., doe pay to Mr. Morris [i.e. the Town Clerk] the sume of foure poundes towards the charges of the Tryall brought by this Corporacon agt. Mary, the widow of Martin Headley, gen., decd., wch. is to be tryed at Yorke the next ensueing Assizes.

The like order that the said Mr. Hardwicke shall pay to Mr. Henry Stanhope (the present Maj<sup>r</sup>) the sume of £3 16<sup>s</sup> wch. he is out of purse for the Corporacon as appeares by the ballance of his Acct. ented. in the Cash Booke.

Ordered that Mr. Hardwicke, the present Trear., doe pay to Mr. Alderman Sawer the sume of £19 - 07<sup>s</sup> - 09<sup>d</sup> which he has already payd. to Mr. George Waineman for the charges of treateing Judge Powell at this Towne in his Jorney. to Lancaster the last Lent Assizes, and the charges of treateing Judge Allabone in his Jorney. from Lancaster the last Sumer Assizes.

Ordered that Willm. Kent, Master of the Company of Taylers, doe pay to Mr. Hardwicke, the Trear., to the use of the Corporacon the sume of forty shillinges, parte of foure poundes which he recd. of John Watson, Tayler, for his freedome of the Company of Taylers, which said sume of forty shillings this Court injoines to be paid for the said Watson's Freedome of this Towne & Burrough.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistents held for the Burrough aforesaid the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill in the 4th, yeare of the Raigne of o<sup>r</sup> Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1688.

At this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare Henry Stanhope, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Joseph Bawmer, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchinman, William Massye, Henry Pawson, & Michaell Idle, Aldermen, Thomas Foster, Isaac Blackburne, John Robinson, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Thomas Dennison, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree & Benjamine Waddington, Assistants: the rest made default.

This Cort haveing recd. informacon from the Comittee appointed to inspect the Corporacon Affaires that the Corporacon is indebted to the sev'all & respective p'sons hereafter named in the respective sumes sett to their respective names, the same is owned by this Cort & is ordered to be recorded to the end that there may be noe mistake for the future concerning the same And that such course may be considered of & taken for the discharge thereof as will best suite & consist with the convenience & State of the circumstances of the Corporacon & the Justice & Discreçon of this Cort.

The Debts are as followeth (vizt)			
To the Comittee of pious Uses for the use of the poore	££ 50	<i>ss</i> .	<i>dd</i> .
To Gervase Nevile Esq <sup>r</sup> in disburse upon the Account	_		
of the Corporacon	05	00	00
To Mr. Alderman Hick p. ditto To Mr. Alderman Bawmer remaining of money laid	05	00	00
out by him towards obtaining the Charter	05	00	00
To Mr. Alderman Potter p. ditto	05	00	00
To Mr. Alderman Rooke p. ditto	05	00	00
	75	00	00
see more the next fol.			
To Mr. Thomas Foster	££	SS.	dd.
To Mr. Thomas Foster To Mr. Thomas Hardwicke	02	10	00
To Mr. John Preston	02	10	00
To Mr. Richard Hey	02	IO	00
To Mr. Isaacc Blackburne	02	IO	00
To Mr. Henry Stanhope (present Major)	02	IO	00
To Mr. Thomas Kitchinman	02	IO	00
To Mr. Robt. Shawe [In margin—g. if not remitted]	02	10	00
To Mr. George Bannister [In margin—g. sile]	02	10	00
To Mr. Barthol. Blades now decd. To Mr. Henry Pawson	02	IO IO	00
To Mr. Joshua Hill [In margin—g. if not remitted]	02	10	00
To Mr. Jo: Hodgson now decd.	02	IO	00
To Mr. Thomas Bickerdike	02	IO	00
To Mr. John Robinson	02	10	00
To Mr. Stanhope, present Maj <sup>r</sup> , more (as p. Order of the last Co <sup>rt</sup> ) being the ballance of his Acct.	03	16	00
To Mr. Alder. Sawer (as p. order likewise of the last )	19	07	09
	60	03	09
	75	00	00
sume tot.	135	03	09

Besides which said sev'all sumes amounting in the whole to the said sume of 135£ o3<sup>s</sup> o9<sup>d</sup> as aforesaid: Mr. Morris informes & averrs to this Co<sup>rt</sup> that there is a debt due to him from the Corporacon upon the Account of p'secuteing an Accon ag<sup>t</sup> Mr. Martin Headley in his lifetime & agt. Mary Headley his wid. since his death & for a tryall had upon the same the last Assizes & for some other matters & buesinesse done by him upon the Account of the Corporacon at least the sume of sixteene poundes

And Mr. Nesse giveth in a note for goeing twice to Yorke upon the Acct. of the Corporacon agt. Mrs.

Headley amounting to ye sume of

Both wch. sumes being added to the sum tot. abovesd, make the sd. Debt to be in all 152 13 09

It is Ordered by this Cort that the Baylywicke belonging to the Corporacon shall stand charged wth, the aforesaid Debts, oweing by the Corporacon

Debts oweing to the Corporacon are as followeth (vizt)

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	££	SS.	dd.
By Mr. Joshua Ibbetson according to custome when he was chosen Alderman			
By Mr. Henry Pawson p. consile		13	
By Mr. Michaell Idle p. cons.	06	13	04
By Mr. Pinckney when he was chosen Assistent according to custome &c.	06	13	04
By Mr. John Skinner p. cons.	06	13	04
By Mr. Henry Iveson p. cons.	06	13	04
By Mr. Benjamine Waddington p. cons.	06	13	04

It is Ordered by this Co<sup>rt</sup> that Robert Nesse, the Serjeant at Mace, shall make demand of the said sev'all sumes due from the said sev'all & respective p'sons, & request them & ev'y of them foorthwith to pay the same respectively to Mr. Thomas Hardwicke, the present Treare. for the Corporacon And upon theire or any of theire refusall of the paym<sup>t</sup> thereof as aforesaid It is Ordered that a warr<sup>t</sup> shall be issued out by vertue of this Order Under the Comon Seale of this Burrough to levye the same by way of distresse & sale of the respective goods of such p'son or p'sons as shall refuse & offend.

Memdum, that Mr. Stanhope (the present Major) doth p'mise the paymt, of Mr. Alder. Ibbetson's debt of £6 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> as aforesaid, p'vided that the two sev'all debts aforemenconed due to him from the Corporacon wch, is in all £6 6<sup>s</sup> be deducted & allowed him out of it.

	£	S.	d.
Mr. Alderman Bawmer p'mises. to pay for Mr. Skinner the said sume of	06	т э	0.4
Skinner the said sume of	00	13	04
Mr. Pawson, present in Cort, p'mises to pay his owne	06	13	04
Mr. Waddington (alsoe present) p'mises, the like for			
Mr. Pawson, present in Cort, p'mises to pay his owne Mr. Waddington (alsoe present) p'mises, the like for himselfe	06	13	04
Mr. Alderman Potter p'mises to pay for Mr. Iveson			

Mr. Alder. Idle being absent was sent for into Cort & upon his appearance the p'ceedings aforesaid was read, whereupon he said that if all p'sons were willing he would not deny his, but onely detained it that Mr. Pinckney's debt might be sooner satisfied, or words to the like purpose.

Mr. Pinckney being a considerable sume out of purse upon the Acct. of the Parrish, it is consented by the Cort that the paymt, of his said sume of £6 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> shall be respited till Mr. Alder. Sawer has made his Acct. of what money he has recd. upon the Assessmt, made for the raiseing of money to defray the charges of suite wth. Hull & Wakefeild laid out by the said Mr. Pinckney and the charges about the Inditemt, p'secuted by Mr. Robert Baines agt, the Inhabitants of Leeds for not repaireing a way leading to Crosse Greene And how he has disbursed the same &c.

It is Ordered that Mr. Alderman Sawer doe give in his account at the next Co<sup>rt</sup> to be held on Munday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May next comeing of

such sume & sumes of money as he hath recd. upon the Assessmt. made to defray the charges laid out by Mr. Pinckney & about the Inditemt. p'secuted by Mr. Baines & how he has disbursed the same.

Memdum. that these p'ticuler sumes following are allowed by this Court to be due to the sev'all p'sons. hereafter named, being laid out by them respectively upon the Parish Acct. (vizt.):—

To Mr. Joseph Pinckney for defending the right of the Parish from paymt. of Toll to Hull & Wakefeild

Laid out by Mr. Alderm. Sykes decd., Mr. Alder. Bawmer, Mr. Alder. Rooke, Mr. Alder. Ibbetson & Mr. Alder. Idle, each £1 4<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> for defending the Towne's rights agt. Hull & Wakefeild, in all

Memdum. that the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May in the 4<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Richard Powell of Leeds, Mercer, did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons) And alsoe subscribed the Declaracon menconed in the said Act, and then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the office of an Assistant of this Burrough before Henry Stanhope, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Gervase Nevile, Tho: Potter, Alderm., Isaac Blackburne, Richd. Hey & others, Assistants.

I, Richard Powell, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon Me or any other p'son. from the Oath comonly called the Solemne league & Covenant and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath & imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme agt. the knowne Lawes & Libtyes. of the Kingdome.

[signed] Ric. Powell.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June in the 4<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Ld. King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1688.

At this Cort were present Henry Stanhope, Majr, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Potter, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Thomas Kitchinman, William Massye, Henry Pawson, Michaell Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Robinson, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Marck Broadley, William Cookeson, Willm. Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, John Skinner, Rich. Powell, Assistants: the rest made default.

Mr. Alderman Pawson informed this Cort that Mr. Thomas Foster, one of the Assistants of this Corporacon, desired to be dismissed from the said Office, being he intended to leave his residence in the Towne and that this Court would allow him the sume of two poundes & ten shillings formerly disbursed by him for the use of the Corporacon Whereupon this Cort haveing taken the premisses into consideracon doe dismisse the said Thos. Foster from his said place or office of one of the Assistants of this Burrough and from any further attendance therein and doe Order the said Mr. Pawson to pay to the said Mr. Foster the said sume of two poundes & tenn shillings (due to him as aforesd.) out of the sume of £6 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> due to this Cort from the said Mr. Pawson.

Whereas there was an Accon. form'ly brought by the Towne of Wakefeild agt. the Inhabitants of the Parrish of Leedes for non paymt. of Toll, wch. was defended by Mr. Joshua Hill by his Attorney, Mr. Thomas Barnard, decd., in pursuance of a former Order of this Cort to that effect, And whereas the said Mr. Hill hath informed this Cort. that the Execrs of the said Mr. Barnard have brought an Accon. agt. him for the charges & fees expended by & due to the said Mr. Barnard in defending the said Action & doth crave the assistance of this Cort therein It is therefore Ordered & requested by this Cort that the said Mr. Hill will take care to get the said Mr. Barnard's Bill to be taxed & after the taxing thereof to discharge the same and this Cort doth p'mise & further order to see & take care that the said Mr. Joshua Hill shall be reimbursed & repaid as well the principle money as his reasonable charges expended in & about the same.

At this Co<sup>rt</sup> Mr. Richard Hey, one of the Assistants of this Corporacon, is duely elected into the place or office of one of the Alderman thereof in the stead & place of Mr. Joseph Bawmer lately deceased, of which election the Sergeant at Mace is hereby ordered to give him noetice & to sumon him to appeare at the next Co<sup>rt</sup> to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July next ensueing to take the said office upon him and to bring wth. him twenty Nobles to pay to the Trear. for the use of the Corporacon according to the usuall custome upon the admission of an Alderman or Assistant into this Body.

At this Cort Mr. James Blades is duely elected into the office of one of the Assistants of this Burrough in the place of Mr. Xpofer Jackson, lately deceased, of which election the said Serjeant at Mace is ordered to give the like noetice & sumons to the said Mr. Blades as above &c.

At this Co<sup>rt</sup> likewise Mr. Thomas Moore of Armley is duely elected into the office of one of the assistants of this Burr: in the place & stead of Mr. Thomas Foster who upon request is dismissed from the said office; of which election the said Serjeant at Mace is likewise ordered to give the like noetice & sumons to the said Mr. Moore as abovesd.

M<sup>d</sup> Mr. John Skinner paid to the Trear, in Co<sup>rt</sup> the sume of £6 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> according to the usuall custome upon the admission of an Assistant.

**The Court** of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burr: aforesaid the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July in the 4<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1688.

Present. Present. Henry Stanhope John Robinson Majr Thomas Bickerdike Gervase Nevile Thomas Hardwicke Marmaduke Hick Robt. Potter Joshua Ibbetson Marck Broadley William Sawer - Aldermen Thomas Dennyson Assistants Thomas Kitchinman John Dodgson William Massye William Cottam Henry Pawson Joseph Pinckney Michaell Idle John Skinner Rich. Powell James Blades

Thomas Moore

>jur. eod. die

Absent. Henry Skelton Thomas Dixon Thomas Potter Willm. Rooke Rich. Hey elect.

Alder.

Absent. Adam Hargrave Isaac Blackburne John Kitchinman John Preston Willm. Cookeson Henry Hetherington Randolph Briggs Henry Ivyson Benjamine Waddington

Assistants

At this Cort Mr. Waddington, by the hands of Mr. Thomas Bickerdike, paid to the Treare. in Cort for the use of the Corporacon according to the usuall custome upon his admission into the office of one of the Assistants of this Burrough the sume of 138 04d £06 Mr. Rich. Powell in p'son paid the like 06 13 04 Mr. James Blades in p'son paid the like 06 13 04 Mr. Thomas Moore in p'son paid the like 06 13 04 26 13 04

Memdum. that the 7th day of July in the 4th yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James the 2d, By the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, defender of the Faith, &c., James Blades, gen., & Thomas Moore, gen., did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons) and alsoe subscribed the Declaracon menconed in the said Act, and then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute respectively the Office of an Assistant of this Burrough before Henry Stanhope, Majr, Gervase Nevile, Marmaduke Hick, & al. Aldermen, John Robinson. Marck Broadley & al. Assistants.

Wee, James Blades & Thomas Moore, doe declare that wee hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon us or either of us or any other p'son from the oath comonly called the Solemne League & Covent. and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath & imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme agt. the Knowne Lawes & Libtyes, of the Kingdome.

Ja: Blayds. [signed] Thomas Moore.

The Court of Majr, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 21st day of July in the 4th yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2d Annoq. dni. 1688.

Henry Stanhope, Majr, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, Joshua Ibbetson, Thomas Alder. present Kitchinman, Henry Pawson, Michaell Idle

John Robinson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Willm. Cookeson, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, John Skinner, Henry Ivyson, Rich. Powell, Thomas Moore

Assists. present 13 21

Gervase Nevile, Henry Skelton, Willm. Rooke, Willm. Sawer, Willm. Massye, Rich. Hey elect.	Alder. ab	sent
Adam Hargrave, Isaac Blackburne, John Kitchin-	Ass. Abs	sent
man, Robt. Potter, Mark Broadley, Thomas Denny-		10
son, John Dodgson, Henry Hetherington, Benjamine		
Waddington, James Blades	Ab:	16
	present	21
one vacant	Tot.	37

The Serjeant at Mace was sent by this Co<sup>rt</sup> to Mr. Hey to know whether or noe he would take upon him the office of an Alderman of this Burrough according to his election thereto; to wch. Message the sd. Mr. Hey return'd answere by Ire. that he submitted himselfe to the Co<sup>rt</sup> whether they would please to fine him or to give him longer time, upon which the Co<sup>rt</sup> gave him longer time, but noe certaine day was appointed.

**The Court** of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesd, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>t</sup> in the 4<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Raigne of o<sup>r</sup> Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1688.

Henry Stanhope, Majr. Henry Skelton, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, Willm. Rooke, William Sawre, Thomas Kitchinman, Aldermen Willm. Massye, Henry Pawson, Michaell Idle, Alder-Present men, & Richard Hey, alderman elect II. Isaac Blackburne, John Robinson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Robt. Potter, Mark Broadley, Thomas Dennyson, Wm. Cookeson, John Dodgson, Ass: present 18 Willm. Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, John Skinner, present 29 Henry Iveson, James Blades, Thomas Moore Gervase Nevile, Marmaduke Hick, Joshua Ibbetson Alder. absent Adam Hargrave, John Kitchinman, Thomas Hardwicke, Benjamine Waddington, Rich. Powell 5 8 Abs. one vacant present 29 tot. 37

Mr. Hey, being present, requested further time to consider whether he should take the office of Alderman upon him being his wife lyes in a very weak condicon, upon wch. consideracon the said Mr. Hey hath time given till the next Co<sup>rt</sup>.

Whereas the Corporacon is indebted to sev'all of the Aldermen & Comon Councell Men as appears before at a Cort held for this Burrough on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Aprill last past in the State of the debts of the Corporacon It was now therefore put to the vote whether or noe the moneys wch. is now in the Trears, hands should be p'portionably paid & distributed amongst the sd. Aldermen & Comon Councell men who are in disburse

for the Corporacon as aforesaid, wch. was carried in the affirmative, and Mr. Hardwick, the said Trear., is hereby ordered to pay to the Aldermen wch. are 5£ out of purse p'portionable to the sume in his hands and to the Assistants or Comon Councell Men wch. are 50° out of purse the like p'porcon.

The Cort haveing taken into theire serious consideracon the Debts. oweing by the Corporacon & being desireous to use the best meanes they can to defray the same, upon mature deliberacon have thought fitt & doe hereby accordingly order that the Bayliwicke & the p'fitts thereof belonging to this Corporacon shall be let to farme to any p'son or p'sons that will take the same to comence at the expiracon of Mr. Michaell Idle's Lease, and Mr. Major, Mr. Alderman Nevile, Mr. Alder. Dixon, Mr. Alderman Potter, Mr. Alder. Rooke, Mr. Alder. Sawer, Mr. John Preston, Mr. Robt. Potter, Mr. Thomas Dennyson, Mr. William Cookeson, & Mr. John Skinner, Assistants, or any five of them, are hereby appointed a speciall Comittee & impowred to treat with any p'son or p'sons to that purpose, to the end the Corporacon debts may be discharged out of the same And the said Comittee or any five of them are desired to make report of theire doeings herein at the next Cort of Majr, Aldermen & Assistants to be held for this Burrough.

Ordered that Mr. Hardwicke shall pay to Robert Nesse the sume of 30<sup>s</sup> for his charges to Yorke & attending there in & about the buesinesse agt. Mrs. Headley.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August in the 4<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. Dni. 1688.

At this Cort were present Henry Stanhope, Majr, Gervase Nevile, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Thomas Kitchinman, Willm. Massye, Henry Pawson, Michaell Idle, Aldermen, John Robinson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdike, Robert Potter, Marck Broadley, Thomas Dennyson, Willm. Cookeson, John Dodgson, Willm. Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, John Skinner, Henry Iveson & Thomas Moore, Assistants: the rest made default (vizt.) Henry Skelton, Thomas Potter, Rich. Hey (elect), Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaac Blackburne, John Kitchinman, Thomas Hardwicke, Henry Hetherington, Benjamine Waddington, Richard Powell & James Blades, Assistants.

Mr. Hey's buesinesse is still further respited.

Mr. Major, Mr. Nevile, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Sawer, Mr. Robert Potter & Mr. William Cookeson being the major pte. of the Comittee appointed & impowred by an Order of this Cort of the 14th instant to treat wth. any p'son. or p'sons. for the letting of the Bayliwicke &c., doe report to this Cort that in pursuance of the said Order they have treated wth. Mr. Michaell Idle (the present Farmer of the said Bayliwicke) about the same & that the said Mr. Idle had offerred & p'posed to give the sume of 120f foreguift & to pay 60f p. annu. for a Lease of 21 yeares, which the said Comittee referred to the consideracon of this Cort Whereupon this Cort entered into a debate concerning the same and thereupon it was resolved that it should be put to the vote whether a

Lease of the said Bayliwicke should be let for 21 yeares for 100£ foreguift & 80£ p. annu. or 130£ & 60£ p. annu., upon which votes were as followeth, vizt.:—

for 100£ foreguift & 80£ p. annu. votes were 11  $\left.\right\}^{25}$  for 130£ foreguift & 60£ p. annu. votes were 14  $\left.\right\}^{25}$ 

in which Mr. Idle gave noe vote, which being ended the said Mr. Michaell Idle requested the favor. of the Cort that he might be continued tennant to the said Baylywick & admitted to take a new Lease of the same from this Cort according to the tearmes agreed by the major pte. of the votes of this Cort Wherefore upon mature deliberacon had of the premisses aforesaid this Cort doth agree & hereby order that a Lease of the said Baylywicke shall be granted to the said Mr. Idle, his Execrs, Admrs & Assignes for the terme of 21 yeares to be dated on this day & to comence from Michaes day next ensueing, he, the said Mich. Idle, paying the said foreguift of 130f on St. Matthew day next comeing & the said yearely rent of 60f at the foure usuall dayes of paymt. menconed in his present Lease wth. such other Covents. as are therein expressed And that the said Michaell Idle upon the sealeing of the Lease hereby ordered to be granted shall deliver up his present Lease to be cancelled.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 21th day of September in the 4<sup>th</sup> years of the Raigne of o<sup>r</sup> Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1688.

At this Co<sup>rt</sup> were present Henry Stanhope, Maj<sup>r</sup>, Marma: Hick, Thomas Potter, Willm. Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, W<sup>m</sup> Sawre, Thomas Kitchinman, Wm. Massye & Michell Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaac Blackburne, John Robinson, Marck Broadley, Willm. Cookeson, Wm. Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Skinner, Benjamine Waddington, Richard Powell, Thomas Moore, Assists.: the rest made default.

This Cort elected Mr. Alder. Kitchinman & Mr. Alder. Massye to be the two lights, one of wch. is to be chosen on Michmas. Day next Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing.

Ordered that Mr. Maj<sup>r</sup> doe pay out of the 130£ wch. he has recd. of Mr. Idle to Mrs. Sykes, the wid. of Alder. Sykes decd., the sume of £1  $4^8$   $6^d$ , to the Adm<sup>r</sup> [Administrator] of Mr. Alder. Bawmer decd. £1  $4^8$   $6^d$ , to Mr. Alder. Rooke £1  $4^8$   $6^d$ , to Mr. Alder. Ibbetson £1  $4^8$   $6^d$ , & to Mr. Alder. Idle £1  $4^8$   $6^d$ , in all £6  $2^8$   $6^d$ , being money laid out by them for defending a suite upon the Parish Acct. agt. Hull & Wakefeild.

The Court of Maj<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen & Assistants held for the said Burrough the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September in the fourth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King James the 2<sup>d</sup> Annoq. dni. 1688.

At this Cort were present Henry Stanhope, Major, Gervase Nevile, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, Thomas Kitchinman, William Massye & Michaell Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaac Blackburne, John Kitchinman, John Robinson, Thomas Bickerdike, Thomas Hardwicke, Thomas

Dennyson, William Cookeson, John Dodgson, Henry Hetherington, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Richard Powell, Thomas Moore, Assistants: the rest made default (vizt.):—

Thomas Potter, W<sup>m</sup> Sawre, Henry Pawson & Richard Hey (elect), Alder., John Preston, Robert Potter, Marck Broadley, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, John Skinner, Henry Iveson, Benjamine Waddington & James Blades, Assistants.

At this Co<sup>rt</sup> Mr. Thomas Kitchinman, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was duely elected Major of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing, being present in Co<sup>rt</sup>, whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant at Mace doe sumon the said Mr. Kitchinman to be & appeare at the next Gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on Wednesday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of October next comeing, then & there to take upon him the said office according to his late Matyes. lres. Patents in that behalfe.

Whereas Mr. Alderman Ibbetson hath satisfied this Cort that he is in disburse the sume of 33s upon the account of the Corporacon It is therefore ordered that the said sume of 33s shall be paid to the said Mr. Ibbetson out of the Corporacon stock.

At this Cort Mr. Thomas Hardwicke is continued Trear. of this Corporacon for the yeare ensueing.

Ordered that the Modus¹ belonging to the Towne & Parish of Leeds, wch. is now in the hands of Mr. Joseph Pinckney, shall by him be delivered in; and that Mr. Alderman Hick, Mr. Alderman Dixon & Mr. Fenton shall give a discharge for the same.

Ordered that Mr. Barnard's bill (wch. is now in the hands of Mr. Alder. Sawre) concerning the suite betwixt Wakefeild & Leeds for Toll, be delivered to Mr. Morris, who is hereby ordered to p'cure the same to be taxed as soon as may be & to informe the Co<sup>rt</sup> of his p'ceedings therein.

Ordered that Mr. Thomas Hardwicke, the Trear. to this Corporacon, doe foorthwth. pay the Debts oweing by the said Corporacon out of the Stock belonging to the same, And that the said Trear. at the next Cort of Majr, Aldermen & Assistants to be held for this Burrough, to give an Account thereof & of what Stock remaines in his hands.

Memdum. that the third day of October Anno Dni. 1688, Thomas Kitchinman Esq<sup>r</sup> (Maj<sup>r</sup> elect), one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, did in due forme of Law take the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacye and the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. (intituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons) and alsoe subscribed the Declaracon menconed in the said Act, and then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the Office of Major of this Towne & Burrough before Henry Stanhope Esq<sup>r</sup>, present Major.

I, Thomas Kitchinman, doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon Me or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the Solemne League & Covent. and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath & imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme agt. the known Lawes & Liberties of the Kingdome.

[signed] Tho: Kitchingman.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Modus—a fixed payment instead of tithes.

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The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the last day of August in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, Scotland, France and Ireland King and Queene, defenders of the Faith.

Att this Corte Mr. John Dodgson is appoynted Treasurer of this Corporacon for the yeare ensueing in the roome of Mr. Thomas Hardwick, who is hereby ordered to pay the money remayneing in his hand due to the said Corporacon to the said Mr. Dodgson, being thirty seaven pounds, fower shillings and eight pence, as appeares upon the ballance of his account, and also to deliver to the said Mr. Dodgson the towne booke.

Att this Corte it is ordered that Mr. Dodgson, the treasurer, doe pay unto Alderman Stanhope twenty one shillings and six pence which the said Mr. Stanhope laid out for getting in the surrender of the Charter, which shallbe allowed to the said Mr. Dodgson upon his account.

Att this Corte it is ordered that Mr. John Dodgson, the treasurer, doe pay to Mr. Fenton, one of the plts. [? plaintiffs], the some of twelve pounds in full of all demands from the said Mr. Hill and the Corporacon of Leedes and likewise the some of five pounds and eighteene shillings to Mr. William Calverley, Attorney for the plts. [? plaintiffs], in full for the charges expended therein, and to take a release for the same.

Whereas it doth appears to this Corte that Robert Potter, William Cottam, John Rontree and Benjamin Waddington, fower of the Assistants, had not taken the oathes menconed in a certaine Statute made in the first yeare of theire now Mats Raigne (entituled an Act for abrogateing the oathes of Allegiance and supremacy and appoynting other oathes) for which cause this Corte did conceive theire offices and places to be ips. facto void And to the end the said Robert Potter, William Cottam, John Rontree and Benjamin Waddington might be duely qualified and capable to hold and execute theire said offices and places, this Corte did proceede to a new elleccon and did unanimously elect and choose the said Robert Potter, William Cottam, John Rontree and Benjamin Waddington into theire said former offices and places of Assistants of this Corporacon, Who being present in Corte tooke the said oathes menconed in the said Statute made in the first yeare of theire now Mats Raigne And also the oath menconed in the Statute made in the thirteenth yeare of the late King Charles the Second (entituled An Act for regulacon of Corporacons) And did subscribe the declaracon menconed in the said Statute And then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Assistant or Comon Councell of this Burrough.

Mr. Richard Hey, one of the Aldermen elect of this Corporacon, haveing not taken the oathes menconed in the Statute made in the first yeare of theire now Ma<sup>ts</sup> Raigne (entituled an Act for abrogateing the oathes of Allegiance and supremacy and appoynting other oathes) his place for that cause was adjudged ips. facto void And thereupon the Co<sup>rte</sup> did elect him againe unto his said place and sent for him into Co<sup>rte</sup> to take the same upon him: but the said Mr. Hey appeareing

in Corte refused to be sworne and take the said office upon him, declareing he would submitt to the pleasure of the Corte what they would doe therein for such his refusall.

Whereas it doth evidently appeare to this Corte that Richard Powell, James Blayds and Thomas Moore, thre of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Corporacon, did not within thre monthes next after theire respective admissions into theire said places of Assistant receive the sacrament of the Lords Supper according to the usage of the Church of England upon some Lords day comonly called sunday imediately after divine service and sermon according to an Act of Parliament made in the five and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of the late King Charles the Second (entituled an Act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish recusants) whereby theire offices and places by the said Statute are ips. facto void And to the end the said Richard Powell, James Blaydes and Thomas Moore might be duely qualified and capable to hold and execute theire said offices and places this Corte did proceede to a new eleccon and did unanimously elect and choose the said Richard Powell, James Blayds and Thomas Moore unto their said former offices and places of Assistants, who being present in Corte tooke the oathes menconed in a certaine statute made in the first yeare of their now Mats Raigne (entituled an Act for abrogateing the oathes of Allegiance and supremacy and appoynting other oathes) And also the oathes menconed in the statute entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons And did subscribe the declaracon menconed in the said Statute And then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Assistant or Comon Councell of this Burrough.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the one and twentieth day of September in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England &c. King and Queene.

Att this Corte did appeare Thomas Kitchingman, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, Henry Stanhope and William Massie, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, William Calverley, John Robinson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdyke, Mark Broadley, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree and Thomas Moore, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte Alderman Massie and Alderman Idle were appoynted as p'sons fittly qualified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing on monday the thirtieth day of September instant.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the thirtieth day of September in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England &c. King and Queene.

Att this Corte did appeare Thomas Kitchingman, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Henry Stanhope and Michael Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, William Calverley, John Robinson, John Preston, Thomas Bickerdyke, John Dodgson,

William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Richard Powell and James Blayds, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte William Massie Esqr., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected Major of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe forthwith give notice to the said Mr. Massie of such his election And also that he sumon him to be and appeare att the next gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on Wednesday the nynth day of October next comeing, then and there to take upon him the said office according to the directors of the Letters Patents in that behalfe.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the thirtieth day of September in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, Scotland, France and Ireland King and Queene, defenders of the Faith &c.

Att this Corte Gervas Nevile, Esqr., was in due forme of law elected and Chosen one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough, Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe give notice to the said Mr. Nevile of such his electon and alsoe sumon him to be and p'sonally appeare att the next Corte of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to be holden for the said Burrough on Wednesday the eleaventh day of December next comeing, to the end he may take upon him the said office and alsoe pay the sume of six pounds thirteene shillings and fower pence to Mr. John Dodgson, present treasurer to this Corporacon.

The like order for Mr. William Sawer.

Memorand. that the six and twentyeth day of October in the yeare abovesaid William Sawer, gent., was in due forme of law sworne one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of the Burrough before William Massie, Major, Thomas Dixon, Henry Stanhope and Michael Idle, Aldermen.<sup>1</sup>

Att this Corte it is ordered that Mr. Dodgson, the treasurer, doe pay unto Mr. Joseph Pinckney the some of Tenn pounds in pte. of the money due to the said Mr. Pinckney from this Corporacon and take his receipt for the same which shalbe allowed to the said Mr. Dodgson upon his account.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the eleaventh day of December in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King and Queene.

Att this Corte did appeare William Massie, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman and Michael Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, John Preston,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Entered out of chronological order.

Thomas Bickerdyke, Marke Broadley, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Richard Powell and Thomas Moore, Assistants: the rest made default.

Whereas Garvas Nevile, Esq., being elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough, haveing notice to appeare att this Corte to take upon him the said office, made default therein Nev'theless the said Mr. Nevile did desire Mr. Alderman Dixon and Mr. Alderman Idle to acquant the Corte on his behalfe that he was willing to serve the Corporacon upon condicon he might be acquitted from the payment of six pounds, thirteene shillings and four pence usually paid in the like case, with which proposall the said Mr. Dixon and Mr.I dle (on the behalfe of the said Mr. Nevile) did acquant the Corte and desire there resolucon therein which being seriously debated it was declared and ordered by the Corte that the said Mr. Nevile, according to the antient custome and usage in such and the like case, should upon his takeing the oath of an Assistant pay the sume of six pounds thirteene shillings and fower pence to the Treasurer of this Corporacon and the further sume of six pounds, thirteene shillings and fower pence upon his being admitted one of the Aldermen within the Burrough aforesaid, otherwise his electon of one of the Assistants to be ipso facto void.

Att this Corte William Sawer, gent., one of the Assistants or Comon Councell was in due forme of law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of the peace within the Burrough aforesaid.

John Preston, gent., one other of the Assistants or Comon Councell, was likewise in due forme of law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of Peace within the Burrough aforesaid.

Att this Corte Caleb Askwith of Leeds, gent., was in due forme of law elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe give him notice of such his electon and alsoe sumon him to be and p'sonally appeare att the Guild-hall of Leeds on friday the twentieth day of December instant att one of the Clock in the afternoone, then and there to take upon him the said office and alsoe to pay the sume of six pounds thirteene shillings and four pence to Mr. John Dodgson, p'sent treasurer of this Corporacon.

The like order for Mr. Ralph Idle.<sup>1</sup>

Att this Corte Edward Prince of Coldcoates, gent. [of Coldcotes Grange], was in due forme of law elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe give him notice of such his electon and alsoe sumon him to be and p'sonally appeare att the Guild-hall of Leeds on Friday the twentieth day of December instant att one of the Clock in the afternoone, then and there to take upon him the said office and alsoe to pay the sume of six pounds thirteene shillings and fower pence to Mr. John Dodgson, present treasurer of this Corporacon.

The like order for Mr. William Coldcall.

Whereas att a Corte of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden the one and thirtieth day of August last past, Robert Potter and Benjamin

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ralph Idle, Salter; died 13 Nov. 1693.

Waddington, gent., were duly elected and chosen into theire places of Assistants or Comon Councell Nev'thelesse not receiveing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the Usuage of the Church of England within thre monthes after their said electon according to the late Act of Parliament theire offices and places became thereby ips facto void Whereupon att this Corte the said Robert Potter and Benjamin Waddington were unanimously elected and Chosen into their said former places and were in due forme of law sworne accordingly.

Whereas Richard Hey gent., one of the Assistants of this Burrough, being duely elected and Chosen one of the Aldermen & Justice of peace within the Burrough aforesaid And being sent for att this Corte to take upon him the said office in pursuance of such his election did accordingly appeare in Corte but did refuse to take the said office upon him declareing he woulde submitt to the pleasure of the Corte what they would doe therein for such his refusall Whereupon this Corte upon mature delibacon, doe tax and impose upon the said Richard Hey the sume of Twenty pounds as A reasonable Fyne for such his refusall, to be paid to the treasurer of this Corporacon And it is hereby ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe demand of the said Richard Hey the said sume of Twenty pounds, and upon his refusall to pay this Corte will use such meanes for the recovery thereof as shalbe agreeable to law and justice.

Bee it remembred that upon friday the twentieth day of December in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, Scotland, France and Ireland King and Queene, defenders of the Faith, &c. Caleb Askwith, Edward Prince and William Coldcoll did in due forme of law take the oathes menconed in a certaine Statute made in the first yeare of theire now Mats Raigne (entituled an Act for abrogateing the oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy and appoynting other oathes) And alsoe the oath menconed in the Statute made in the thirteenth yeare of the late King Charles the Second (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons) And did subscribe the declaracon menconed in the said Statute And then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Assistant or Comon Councell of this Burrough before William Massie, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, Aldermen, Isaac Blackburne, William Calverley, John Dodgson, Joseph Pinckney, John Rontree and Richard Powell, Assistants.

#### 1690

The like in due forme of law was done and p'formed the third of January followeing by Mr. Ralph Idle being elected one of the Assistants before William Massie, Major, Henry Stanhope and Michael Idle, Aldermen.

Memorand that upon friday the one and thirtieth day of January in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene, John Preston gent. did in due forme of law take the oathes menconed in a certaine Statute made in the first yeare of theire now Ma<sup>ts</sup> Raigne entituled an Act for abrogateing the oathes of Allegiance and supremacy and appoynting other oathes And alsoe the oath menconed in the statute made in the thirteenth yeare of the late King Charles the

Second, entituled an Act for Regulacon of Corporacons, and did subscribe the declaracon menconed in the said Act and then tooke the oath well and truely to execute the office of Alderman and Justice of peace within the Burrough of Leeds before William Massie, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Henry Stanhope and Thomas Kitchingman, Aldermen, Isaack Blackburne and Caleb Askwith, Assistants.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the Burrough aforesaid the first day of February in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of God over England, Scotland, France and Ireland King and Queene, defenders of the Faith, &c.

Att this Corte did appeare William Massie, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman and John Preston, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Robinson, Robert Potter, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, Richard Powell, James Blaides, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle and William Coldcoll, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte Thomas Atkinson of Leeds was in due forme of law elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough and sworne the fourth of February before William Massie, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon and Henry Stanhope, Aldermen, Isaack Blackburne, Randolph Briggs, John Rontry and Caleb Askwith, Assistants.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the thre and twentieth day of August in the Second yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, Scotland, France and Ireland King and Queene, defenders of the Faith, &c.

Att this Corte did appeare William Massie, Major, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman, Michael Idle and John Preston, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, William Calverley, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Thomas Bickerdyke, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Henry Iveson, Richard Powell, James Blaids, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince and Thomas Atkinson: the rest made default.

Att this Corte William Calverley, gent., one of the Assistants, was in due forme of law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of peace within this Burrough, who being p'resent in Corte tooke notice of such his elected and was sworne the second day of September following before William Massie, Major, Thomas Dixon, Henry Stanhope and Michael Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave and John Dodgson, Assistants.

Att this Corte John Hunter of Leeds was in due forme of law elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough and was sworne the said Second day of September before the same p'tyes.

Att this Corte it is ordered that the sume of tenn pounds be allowed and paid to Mr. Massie, Major, for entertayneing his grace the Lord Arch-Bishopp of Yorke to be paid out of the Church lay or els out of the Corporacon stock.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the two and twentieth day of September in the Second years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of God over England, &c., King and Queene, defenders of the Faith, &c.

Att this Corte did appeare William Massie, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman and John Preston, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Thomas Bickerdyke, Robert Potter, Marke Broadley, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Richard Powell, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince and Thomas Atkinson: the rest made default.

Att this Corte Alderman Idle and Alderman Preston were appoynted as p'sons fitly qualified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing on Monday the nyne and twentieth day of September instant being Michas. day.

Att this Co<sup>rte</sup> John Mathewes of Leeds, gent., was in due forme of law elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe give him notice of such his electon and alsoe sumon him to be and p'sonally appeare att the Guildhall of Leeds on Monday the twenty nynth day of September instant att one of the clock in the afternoone, then and there to take upon him the said office and alsoe to pay the some of Sixe pounds thirteene shillings fower pence to Mr. John Dodgson, present treasurer of this Corporacon.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the Nyne and twentieth day of September in the Second yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene, defenders of the Faith.

Att this Corte did appeare William Massie, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston and William Calverley, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Richard Powell, James Blaides, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson and John Hunter: the rest made default.

Att this Corte Michaell Idle, Esq., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected Major of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe forthwith give notice to the said Mr. Idle of such his eleccon And alsoe that he sumon him to be and appeare att the next gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on Wednesday

the eighth day of October next comeing, then and there to take upon him the said office according to the directon of the Letters Patents in that behalfe.

Att this Corte Mr. John Dodgson is continued treasurer of this Corporacon for the yeare ensueing And it is ordered by this Corte that upon every Michas. day followeing the treasurer shall either be continued or a new one be elected and every such treasurer shall give sufficient security to account for, satisfie and pay all such sume and sumes of money as shall come to his hands belonging to the Stock of the said Corporacon when he shalbe thereunto required And it is further ordered that noe such treasurer shall take upon him to satisfie and pay any some or sumes of money to any p'son or p'sons out of the Corporacon Stock without an order of Corte first in that behalfe made And if any such treasurer shall pay and discharge any some or somes of money out of the Corporacon Stock to any p'son or p'sons without such order of Corte he shall have noe allowance for the same upon his account.

Ordered that Mr. Dodgson, the treasurer, to pay unto William Bywater the some of tenn shillings for makeing a Case for the Charter which shalbe allowed to the said Mr. Dodgson upon his account.<sup>1</sup>

Att this Corte Mr. John Mathewes was in due forme of law sworne one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough.

## 1691

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the seaventh day of March in the third yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene, defenders of the Faith.

Att this Corte did appeare Michael Idle, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, William Massie and William Calverley, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Thomas Bickerdyke, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Henry Iveson, James Blaides, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter and John Mathew, Assistants: the rest made default.

It being proposed and putt to the vote for procureing a fortnight faire to be held in this towne the Corte took tyme to considder of the same until the next Corte.

The like concerning an Act of Parliamt. to be procured to incorporate all the Companyes in the towne togeather.

Att this Corte it is ordered that if Sr Edward Nevile Knt. and Sr John Turton Knt., two of the Barons of theire Mats. Corte of Excheq. and Judges of Assize of the Northerne Circuit, doe come to the towne of Leeds in their jorney to Lancaster they are to be entertayned att the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The case was of mahogany bearing an inscribed brass plate. Owing to its dilapidated state it was destroyed some years ago.

charge of the Corporacon, which charge Mr. John Dodgson the treasurer is to pay, and the same is to be allowed him upon his account.

Att this Corte it is ordered that Mr. John Dodgson the treasurer doe pay unto Mr. Robert Nesse, Serjeant att Mace, the some of thirty seaven shillings, being charges due to the said Mr. Nesse for makeing distresses on the goods of Mr. Robert Baynes and Mr. Benjamin Waide for refuseing to take upon them the office of Assistants to which they were duely elected, which said some shalbe allowed to the said Mr. Dodgson upon his account.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the one and twentieth day of September in the third yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene, defenders of the Faith, &c.

Att this Corte did appeare Michael Idle, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope and William Massie, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Thomas Bickerdyke, Robert Potter, Marke Broadley, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, James Blaids, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter and John Mathew, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte Alderman Preston and Alderman Calverley were appoynted as p'sons fitly qualified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough for the yeare ensueing upon tuesday the twenty nynth day of September instant being Michas. day.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the xxix<sup>th</sup> day of September 1691.

Att this Corte did appeare Michael Idle, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie and William Calverley, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, Robert Potter, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Richard Powell, James Blaids, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter and John Mathew, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte John Preston, Esqr., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected Major of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe forthwith give notice to the said Mr. Preston of such his eleccon And alsoe that he sumon him to be and appeare att the next gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on wednesday, the seaventh day of October next comeing, then and there to take upon him the said office according to the directon of the letters Patents in that behalfe.

1692

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the Second day of March in the fourth yeare

of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene, defenders of the Faith, &c., Annoq. dni. 1691[2].

Att this Corte did appeare John Preston, Major, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, William Massie and Michael Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Robinson, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, Henry Iveson, James Blaids, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter and John Mathewes: the rest made default.

Att this Co<sup>rte</sup> it is ordered that if S<sup>r</sup> Edward Nevile Knt. and S<sup>r</sup> John Turton Knt., Judges of Assize for the Northerne Circuit, doe come to Leeds in theire jorney to Lancaster, that then the some of twelve pounds is to be allowed and paid to Mr. Major for theire entertainement, which some Mr. Dodgson, the treasurer, is to pay and to have the same allowed him upon his account.

Whereas it was ordered by this Co<sup>rte</sup> that the Churchwardens of Leeds towne should putt the some of Tenn pounds into the Church lay and pay the same to Mr. Alderman Massie for entertayneing his Grace the late Lord Arch-Bishopp of Yorke, and in case they refused soe to doe that then the said Tenn pounds should be paid by this Co<sup>rte</sup> to the said Mr. Massie, Now forasmuch as the said Churchwardens have refused to putt the said Tenn pounds into the Church lay It is therefore ordered by this Co<sup>rte</sup> that Mr. John Dodgson, the treasurer, doe pay unto the said Mr. Massie the said some of Tenn pounds, which shalbe allowed to the said Mr. Dodgson upon his account.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the second day of July in the fowerth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, Scotland, France and Ireland King and Queene, defenders of the Faith, &c.

Att this Corte did appeare John Preston, Major, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie, Michael Idle and William Calverley, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Robert Potter, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, James Blaids, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, John Hunter and John Mathew, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte it is ordered that Mr. Castilian Morris doe within one month after notice hereof show good cause and make it appears to the Major, Aldermen and Comon Councell of this Burrough by what right he claymes to hold the place of Comon Clarke of the Burrough aforesaid and if the said Mr. Morris shall neglect or refuse soe to doe that then this Corte will declare the said place to be vacant and are resolved to take such measures for supplying the same as the Charter in such case doth direct and appoynt.

<sup>1</sup> This seems a strange demand. Castilian Morris was appointed Common Clerk by the Charter of 1684. This Charter was surrendered in 1689 or 1690, and would not be available for easy reference, but Aldermen Rooke, Ibbetson and Sawer were present when Morris took the oath of office, 18 Oct. 1684. See pp. 99, 155 and 167.

Att this Corte Mr. William Smythson was in due forme of law elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants in the roome of Mr. Bickerdyke deceased.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the third day of September in the fowerth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King and Queene, defenders of the Faith, &c.

Att this Corte did appeare John Preston, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie and William Calverley, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, Henry Iveson, Richard Powell, James Blaides, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, Thomas Atkinson and John Mathew, Assistants: the rest made default.

Whereas William Smythson gent., being elected one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Burrough in the roome of Mr. Thomas Bickerdyke, deceased, did refuse to take upon him the said office neverthelesse appeareing in Co<sup>rte</sup> did declare he would referr himselfe to the Co<sup>rte</sup> to pay a fyne for such his refusall Whereupon this Co<sup>rte</sup> upon mature deliberacon doe sett a fyne of twenty pounds upon the said Mr. Smythson and doe order that the same upon notice hereof be paid to Mr. John Dodgson, the treasurer, And it is further ordered that the said Mr. Dodgson doe upon receipt thereof, for sev'all reasons appeareing to this Co<sup>rte</sup>, retorne back to the said Mr. Smythson the some of Tenn pounds.

Att this Corte Mr. Nicholas Netherwood of Leeds, gent., was in due forme of law elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough in the roome of William Smythson, gent. Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe give notice to the said Mr. Netherwood of such his electon to the end he may take upon him the said office according to the directon of the Letters Patents in that behalfe.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the one and twentieth day of September in the fowerth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene.

Att this Corte did appeare John Preston, Major, Henry Skelton, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman and William Massie, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Marke Broadley, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, Henry Iveson, Richard Powell, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter and John Mathews, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte Alderman Calverley and Alderman Dixon were appoynted as p'sons fitly qualified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough on Michas. day next.

Whereas Nicholas Netherwood gent., being elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough in the roome of William Smythson gent., notwithstanding notice being given to him of such his election hath not as yet taken upon him the said office. It is therefore ordered by this Corte that the Serjeant att Mace doe once more sumon the said Mr. Netherwood to be and appeare att a Corte of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to be holden for the said Burrough att the Comon Hall in Leeds on Thursday the twenty nynth day of September instant, then and there to take upon him the said office, and it is further ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe certifie his doeings therein to the Corte upon oath.

Memorand. that the six and twentieth day of September in the yeare abovesaid Nicholas Netherwood gent. was in due forme of law sworne one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough before John Preston, Major, William Calverley, Alderman, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Richard Powell and Caleb Askwith, Assistants.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the nyne and twentieth day of September in the fowerth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene.

Att this Corte did appeare John Preston, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie and Michael Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter and Nicholas Netherwood. Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte William Calverley, Esq., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected Major of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe forthwith give notice to the said Mr. Calverley of such his electon and also sumon him to be and appeare att the next gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on Wednesday the fifth day of October next comeing, then and there to take upon him the said office according to the directon of the Letters Patents in that behalfe.

Att this Corte it is ordered that the some of thre pounds be paid to Mr. Major for the Serjeant's gowne out of the Corporacon Stock.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the eighteenth day of November in the fowerth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene, 1692.

Att this Corte did appeare William Calverley, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie and Michael Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Robinson, Robert Potter,

Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Henry Iveson, Richard Powell, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, John Mathews and Nicholas Netherwood, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte it is ordered that a peticon be p'pared by the Corporacon to be presented to theire Mats. to recomend Jasper Blythman Esq. to be Recorder of this Burrough in the roome of Francis White Esq., deceased, late Recorder And it is further ordered that the some of twenty nobles be allowed to the said Mr. Blythman out of the Corporacon Stock to defray the charge thereof.

Memorand. that the Fifth day of December in the yeare aforesaid Jasper Blythman Esq. was in due forme of law sworne Recorder of the said Burrough and likewise Justice of Peace there, before William Calverley, Major, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, William Rooke and William Sawer, Aldermen.

# 1693

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the sixth day of March in the Fifth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene, defenders of the Faith, &c., 1692[3].

Att this Corte did appeare William Calverley, Major, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, William Sawer, Thomas Kitchingman and Michael Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Robert Potter, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, Henry Iveson, Richard Powell, James Blaids, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter and John Mathewes, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte it is ordered that if Sr John Turton, Knt., and Sr John Powell, Knt., two of the Barons of their Mats. Corte of Excheq., doe come to Leeds in their way to Lancaster, Mr. Major is to be allowed any some not exceeding twelve pounds for their entertainement, to be paid out of the Corporacon Stock.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the one and twentieth day of July in the Fifth years of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King & Queene, defenders of the Faith, &c., 1693.

Att this Corte did appeare William Calverley, Major, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie and Michael Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Richard Powell, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, John Mathewes and Nicholas Netherwood, Assistants: the rest made default.

Whereas att a Corte of Major, Aldermen and Comon Councell holden for the said Burrough the second day of July in the fowerth yeare of their now Mats. Raigne It was ordered that Mr. Castilian Morris should within one moneth after notice thereof showe good cause and make it appeare to the Major, Aldermen and Comon Councell of this Burrough by what right he claymes to hold the place of Comon Clarke of the Burrough aforesaid And if the said Mr. Morris should neglect or refuse soe to doe that then the said Corte would declare the said place to be vacant and were resolved to take such measures for supplyeing the same as the Charter in such case did direct and appoynt As by the said order whereunto reference being had more att large may appeare Now forasmuch as the said Mr. Morris being duely served with the said order as himselfe hath owned did not within the tyme thereby limited nor at any tyme hitherto give any satisfaccon to the Major, Aldermen and Comon Councell of such his right to the said place, whereby the same on good grounds is adjudged to be void, And for that Mr. Alderman Dixon, one of theire Mats. Justices of the peace within the said Burrough for the reason aforesaid doth refuse to act as Justice of peace untill the said Mr. Morris doe make out his right and title to the said place It is therefore ordered by this Corte that the said recited order be revived and continued And it is further ordered by this Corte that the said Mr. Morris do betwixt [now] and the twelfth day of August next comeing show good cause and make it appeare to the Major, Aldermen and Comon Councell of the Burrough aforesaid, or the major pte. of them, by what right he claymes to hold the place of Comon Clarke of the said Burrough, otherwise the Corte pursuiant to the former order will declare the said place to be ip. facto void and will take such measures for satisfieing the same as the Charter in such case doth direct and appoint. [See p. 167.]

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the eleaventh day of September in the Fifth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, By the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene, 1693.

Att this Corte did appeare William Calverley, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie, Michael Idle and John Preston, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Robert Potter, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Henry Iveson, Richard Powell, James Blaids, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, John Mathewes and Nicholas Netherwood, Assistants.

Att this Corte it is ordered that Mr. Dodgson, the treasurer, doe pay unto Thomas Leigh two pounds tenn shillings and eight pence for defending an accon att law brought by Mr. John Fenton and others against Mr. Hill which this Corte hath undertaken to pay, wen some shalbe allowed to the said Mr. Dodgson upon his account.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the one and twentieth day of September, 1693.

Att this Corte did appeare William Calverley, Major, Henry Skelton,

Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, and William Massie, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, Henry Iveson, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, John Mathewes and Nicholas Netherwood, Assistants.

Att this Corte Alderman Dixon and Alderman Potter were appoynted as p'sons fitly qualified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough on Michas. day next.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the nyne and twentieth day of September, 1693.

Att this Corte did appeare William Calverley, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Potter, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman and William Massie, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Robert Potter, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Henry Iveson, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Ralph Idle, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, John Mathewes and Nicholas Netherwood, Assistants.

Att this Corte Thomas Dixon, Esq., one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, was in due forme of law elected Major of the Burrough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe forthwith give notice to the said Mr. Dixon of such his election and also sumon him to be and appeare att the next gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Burrough on Wednesday the fowerth day of October next comeing, then and there to take upon him the said office according to the direction of the letters Patents in that behalfe.

Memorand, that the abovenamed Mr. Dixon the sixth day of October in the yeare abovesaid was in due forme of law sworne Major of the Burrough aforesaid before Mr. Calverley, late Major, William Massie and Michael Idle, Aldermen.

## 1694

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the third day of March in the sixth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene.

Att this Corte did appeare Thomas Dixon, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, William Massie, Michael Idle and John Preston, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Robinson, Robert Potter, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Henry Iveson, Richard Powell, James Blaids, Caleb Askwith, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter and John Mathewes, Assistants.

Att this Corte Thomas Lazenby of Leeds, gent., was in due forme of law elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough in the roome of Ralph Idle, gent., deceased, Whereupon it is ordered

that the Serjeant att Mace doe give notice to the said Mr. Lazenby of such his election And also sumon him to appear att the house of Mr. Thomas Leigh in Leeds on tuesday the sixth day of March instant att nyne of the clock in the morning to the end he may take upon him the said office according to the direction of the Letters Patents in that behalfe and also pay the some of six pounds thirteen shillings fowerpence to Mr. John Dodgson, treasurer of this Corporacon.

Att this Corte it is ordered that if Sr John Turton, Knt., one of the Barons of theire Mats. Corte of Excheq. and Judge of Assize for the Northerne Circuit, doe come to the towne of Leeds in his jorney to Lancaster upon a saturday, then the some of Fifteene pounds is to be allowed to Mr. Major for such his entertainemt., and if upon any other day then the some of twelve pounds, which the treasurer is to pay and be allowed upon his account.

Memorand. that the sixth day of March in the yeare aforesaid Mr. Thomas Lazenby was in due forme of law sworne one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Burrough before Thomas Dixon, Major, William Sawer, Michael Idle and William Calverley, Aldermen.

Whereas att a Meeting of the Major, Aldermen and Comon Councell Henry Gillert of Nether Soale in the County of Leicester, Esq., and George Sorocold of the towne of Darby, gent., have proposed and doe designe to lay an engine to convey water from the River of Aire through the streets to the sev'all houses within the towne of Leeds aforesaid or to soe many of them as shall purchase the same of them This Corte therefore takeing the same into consider acon doe judge that it wilbe a worke of publique benefitt and deserves great encouragement, for the encouragement therefore of the said undertaking and in consideracon of the some of Forty pounds to be paid by the said Mr. Sorocold to the Treasurer of this Corporacon for the use and benefitt thereof doe order And it is hereby ordered that the said Mr. Sorocold, his heires, executors, Admi'strators and Assignes shall forever hereafter be exempted by reason of the profitts and rents which he or they shall make of the said water workes of and from all and all manner of taxes, layes and assessements to and for the poore Constable and highwayes, the Mill by which the said Mr. Sorocold conveyes the water and workes his engine onely excepted And that to be taxed and assessed att the onely usuall rate that it has bene taxed and assessed for seaven yeares last past.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Burrough the tenth day of August in the sixth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, Scotland, France and Ireland King and Queene, defenders of the Faith, &c.

Att this Corte did appeare Thomas Dixon, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Potter, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, William Massie and Michael Idle, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Robert Potter, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Henry Iveson, Richard Powell, Caleb Askwith, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, John Mathewes and Nicholas Netherwood, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte it is ordered that Mr. John Dodgson, the treasurer, doe pay unto Mr. Marke Bancks the some of twenty thre pounds and fifteene shillings, so much being demanded by the said Mr. Bancks for charges when Judge Turton was treated by the Corporacon in March last, there being present the Major, Aldermen, sev'all of the Comon Councell and Clergy, which some shalbe allowed to the said Mr. Dodgson upon his account.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the Burrough aforesaid the one and twentieth day of September, 1694.

Att this Corte did appeare Thomas Dixon, Major, Henry Skelton, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Potter, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, William Massie, Michael Idle and William Calverley, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, Henry Iveson, Richard Powell, James Blaids, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Edward Prince, William Coldcall, John Hunter, John Mathewes, Nicholas Netherwood and Thomas Lazenby, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte Alderman Skelton and Alderman Hick were appoynted as persons fitly qualified, the one whereof to be elected to the office of Major of this Burrough on Saturday the twenty nynth day of September instant, being Michas. day.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the nyne and twentieth day of September in the sixth yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of god over England, &c., King and Queene.

Att this Corte did appeare Thomas Dixon, Major, Marmaduke Hick, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, William Massie and William Calverley, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Henry Etherington [sic], Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Henry Iveson, Richard Powell, James Blaids, Caleb Askwith, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, John Mathewes, Nicholas Netherwood and Thomas Lazenby, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Co<sup>rte</sup> Mr. Alderman Skelton, by Mr. Henry Witham, did present to this Co<sup>rte</sup> an Instrument under his hand and seale purporting a resignacon of his office of Alderman and Justice of peace within this Burrough, which this Co<sup>rte</sup> did accept of, the tenor whereof followeth in these words:—

"To all Christian people to whome these presents shall come, &c. Whereas I, Henry Skelton, Esq., one of theire Mats. Justices of peace and Alderman of the towne and Borough of Leeds in the County of Yorke by reason of my old age and other infirmities am rendred and become incapable to act any longer as a Justice of peace and being willing and desireous to be acquitted from serving as Alderman or Major of the Corporacon of Leeds aforesaid and that annother Aldermen may be chosen in my stead doe

hereby resigne, renounce and disclayme all my interest, benefitt and priviledge whatsoever which I have or ought to have, challenge or demand by the Charter of the said Corporacon as one of the Aldermen thereof And doe hereby promise and declare that I will not att any tyme hereafter act or doe any matter or thing whatsoever within the said Corporacon as a Justice of peace or an Alderman: thereof wittnesse my hand and seale the twenty eight day of September 1694."

Att this Co<sup>rte</sup> Marmaduke Hick, Esq., one of the Aldermen of this Borough, was in due forme of law elected Major of the Borough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing, who being present in Co<sup>rte</sup> tooke notice of such his elected and accordingly on Thursday the fowerth of October followeing was in due forme of law sworne before Mr. Dixon, late Major, Mr. Blythman, Recorder, Mr. Sawer, Mr. Massie and Mr. Preston, Aldermen, Mr. Rontry and Mr. Blaids, two of the Comon Councell.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the third day of November 1694.

Att this Corte did appeare Marmaduke Hick, Major, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Potter, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie, Michael Idle, John Preston and William Calverley, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburne, John Kitchingman, Robert Potter, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontree, Henry Iveson, Richard Powell, James Blaids, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, John Mathewes, Nicholas Netherwood and Thomas Lazenby, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte Henry Iveson, gent., one of the Comon Councell or Assistants of this Borough, was in due forme of law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of Peace within the said Borough in the roome and place of Alderman Skelton, who had resigned his office of Alderman and Justice of peace, who being present in Corte was accordingly sworne.

Att this Corte Thomas Condon of Potter Newton, gent., was in due forme of law elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Borough in the roome of Henry Iveson, gent., who was elected to the office of an Alderman and Justice of peace Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe give notice to the said Mr. Condon of such his electon to the end he may take upon him the said office And alsoe pay the some of six pounds, thirteene shillings fower pence.

Memorand. Mr. Condon was sworne the xi<sup>th</sup> of December followeing before Mr. Hick, Major, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Idle and Mr. Preston, Aldermen, Mr. Blaids and Mr. Mathewes, Assistants.

Att this Corte it is ordered that Mr. John Dodgson, the treasurer, doe pay unto Mr. Arthur Monjoy, Goldsmyth, the some of sixty pounds and eleaven shillings for makeing of the new Mace, which said some of sixty pounds and eleaven shillings shalbe allowed to the said Mr. Dodgson upon his account.

#### 1695

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the twenty eight day of January 1694[5].

Att this Corte did appeare Marmaduke Hick, Major, William Sawer, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston, William Calverley and Henry Iveson, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Isaack Blackburn, John Kitchingman, Marke Broadley, John Dodgson, William Cottam, Henry Hetheringon, Joseph Pinckney, John Rontree, Richard Powell, James Blaids, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, John Mathewes, Nicholas Netherwood and Thomas Condon, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte it is ordered that an Addresse be prepared and sent to his Maty. to condole the losse of the Queene.

[Note.—At this point there are 14 pages missing from the Minute Book. Wardell (who made his extracts from the records about 1845-6) sets out a copy of a loyal Declaration extracted from the Court Books of this period (p. 65, The Municipal History of Leeds). It would appear, therefore, that the 14 pages have been lost or mislaid since the date of Wardell's transcript.]

#### 1696

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the thirteenth day of June 1696.

Att this Corte did appeare Henry Iveson, Major, William Rooke, William Massie, John Preston, William Calverley and John Dodgson, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Marke Broadley, Joseph Pinckney, John Rontry, Richard Powell, James Blaids, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, John Mathewes, Thomas Lazenby, Thomas Condon and Joshua Pickersgill<sup>2</sup>: the rest made default.

Att this Corte Joshua Pickersgill was in due forme of law sworne one of the Assistants or Comon Councell.

Att this Corte Marmaduke Wreaks was in due forme of law elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell in the roome of Robert Potter, who had resigned his place of Assistant, and sworne the same day.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the twenty nynth day of August 1696.

Att this Corte did appeare Henry Iveson, Major, William Rooke, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, William Massie, Michael Idle, William Calverley and John Dodgson, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, John Robinson, Marke Broadley, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, John Rontry, Richard Powell, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Thomas Lazenby, Thomas Condon, William Milner³ and Joshua Pickersgill, Assistants: the rest made default.

- <sup>1</sup> Elected Alderman, according to Wardell, 7 March 1695.
- <sup>2</sup> Elected, according to Wardell, 29 May 1696.
- <sup>3</sup> Elected, according to Wardell, 7 March 1695.

Att this Co<sup>rte</sup> Mr. James Blaids, one of the Assistants of this Borough, by a certaine writeing under his hand and seale did surrender and resigne upp his office and place of Assistant, which the Co<sup>rte</sup> did accept of, the tenor whereof followeth in these words:—

"Whereas I, James Blaids of Leeds in the County of Yorke, Clothworker, haveing for some yeares past served as one of the Comon Councell within the said Borough, doe hereby for sev'all reasons me thereunto moveing resigne my said place of Comon Councell man withall the rights and priviledges thereunto belonging. Witnesse my hand and seale this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1696.

[Jas. Blayds."

Att this Corte Mr. Tobias Iles was elected one of the Assistants in the roome of Mr. John Mathewes, deceased, Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe give notice to the said Mr. Iles of such his election, And also sumon him to appeare att a Corte of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to be holden the twenty nynth day of September next comeing, to the end he may take upon him the said office according to the direction of the Letters Patents in that behalfe, and also pay the some of six pounds thirteene shillings fower pence to the treasurer of the said Corporacon.

The like order for Mr. Jeremiah Dixon of Leeds, being elected one of the Assistants in the roome of Marmaduke Wreaks, deceased.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the twenty nynth day of September 1696.

Att this Court did appeare Henry Iveson, Major, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie, Michael Idle, John Preston, William Calverley and John Dodgson, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Marke Broadley, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontry, Richard Powell, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Thomas Lazenby, Thomas Condon, William Milner, Joshua Pickersgill and Jeremiah Dixon, Assistants.

Att this Corte Alderman Dodgson was elected Major of the said Borough for the yeare ensueing, who being p'sent in Corte tooke notice thereof.

Mr. Robert Midgley being formerly elected one of the Comon Councell¹ in the place of Mr. Dodgson, desired to be excused from takeing upon him the said office, Whereupon, out of respect to the said Mr. Midgley, this Corte did accept of the sume of tenn pounds as a fyne which the said Mr. Midgley then paid and thereupon was acquitted and discharged from the said office.

Att this Corte William Milner, gent., one of the Comon Councell of this Borough, was in due forme of law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of Peace in the roome of Alderman Hick, deceased, and sworne the last day of September before Henry Iveson, Major, Joshua Ibbetson,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Elected, according to Wardell, 29 May 1696.

Thomas Kitchingman and Michael Idle, Aldermen, William Coldcoll and John Hunter, Assistants.

Att this Corte Mr. James Kitchingman was elected one of the Comon Councell in the roome of Mr. Midgley and sworne the third of October following before Mr. Major, Mr. Dixon & others.

Mr. Thomas Lodge was likewise elected one of the Comon Councell in the roome of Mr. James Blaids, and the same day which Mr. Kitchingman was sworne took pte. of the oaths relateing to the office of an Assistant but refused to sign the Associacion. Sixth March following Mr. Lodge tok the oathes of Assistant and subscribed the Associacion before Mr. Dodgson, Major, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Rontry.

Mr. William Cottam was elected treasurer in the roome of Alderman Dodgson.

Mr. John Gibson was alsoe elected one of the Comon Councell in the roome of Mr. John Robinson, deceased.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the third day of October 1696.

Att this Corte did appeare Henry Iveson, Major,¹ Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, William Sawer, Thomas Kitchingman, William Massie, John Preston and John Dodgson, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Marke Broadley, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinkney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontry, Richard Powell, Caleb Askwith, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Toby Iles and Jeremiah Dixon, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte Mr. Jeremiah Barstow was in due forme of law elected one of the Comon Councell in the roome of Alderman Milner.

Memorand. that the sixth and twentieth day of October in the yeare aforesaid Mr. John Gibson and Mr. Jeremiah Barstow were sworne Assistants before Mr. Dodgson, Major, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Kitchingman, Michael Idle, John Preston, William Calverley, Henry Iveson, William Milner, Aldermen, and sev'all of the Comon Councell.

## 1697

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the sixth day of March 1696[7].

Att this Corte did appeare John Dodgson, Major, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Stanhope, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston, William Calverley, Henry Iveson and William Milner, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Marke Broadley, William Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, John Rontry, Richard Powell, Thomas Moore, Caleb Askwith, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Toby Iles, Jeremiah Dixon, James Kitchingman, Thomas Lodge, John Gibson, Jeremiah Barstowe, Assistants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> John Dodgson, although elected Mayor 29th September, had evidently not taken the oaths of office at this date.

Att this Corte it is ordered that noe person that now is or hereafter shalbe a member of this Corporacon doe att any tyme surrender or resigne his office and place (old age and infirmities excepted) upon paine that every member herein offending being of the degree of an Alderman to forfeit and pay to the use of the said Corporacon any sume not exceeding Forty pounds and not under Thirty pounds and of the degree of an Assistant any sume not exceeding Twenty pounds and not under Fifteene pounds to be levyed and recovered by such wayes and means as Fynes and Forfeitures are limited and appoynted to be levyed and recovered by the Charter.

Ordered that if Judge Turton come to this towne in his jorney to Lancaster he is to be entertained att the Charge of the Corporacon, which charge the treasurer is to pay and to be allowed upon his account.

Att this Corte Caleb Askwith, gent., one of the Assistants of this Borough, was in due forme of law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of peace in the roome of Alderman Idle, deceased, and sworne the eight of March following before Mr. Dodgson, Major, William Sawer and William Calverley, Alderman.

Att this Corte Mr. Alderman Stanhope did of his owne accord voluntarily surrender and resigne upp his office and place of Alderman and Justice of peace within the Borough aforesaid withall priviledges thereunto belonging.

Att this Corte John Rontry, gent., one of the Assistants of this Borough, was in due forme of law elected one of the Aldermen and Justice of peace in the roome of Alderman Stanhope, who had resigned his office of Alderman and Justice of peace, and sworne the eight of March followeing before John Dodgson, Major, William Sawer and William Calverley, Aldermen.

Att this Corte Thomas Condon, one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Borough, by an instrument in writeing under his hand and seale, did resigne and surrender upp his said office, the same being done before the sitting of the said Corte.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the one and twentieth day of June 1697.

Att this Corte did appeare John Dodgson, Major, Thomas Dixon, Joshua Ibbetson, Thomas Kitchingman, Henry Iveson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith and John Rontry, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, Richard Powell, Thomas Moore, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Toby Iles, Jeremiah Dixon, James Kitchingman, Thomas Lodge, John Gibson and Jeremiah Barstowe, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte it is ordered that the widdow and Relict of Marmaduke Wreakes, deceased, late one of the Comon Councell of this Borough, have twenty nobles paid back againe to her in regard the said Marmaduke Wreakes dyed very shortly after such his election.

Att this Corte Mr. Ralph Thoresby was in due forme of law elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of the Borough aforesaid.

Att this Corte Mr. John Whitehead was likewise in due forme of law elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of the Borough aforesaid.

Whereas att a Corte of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the sixth day of March last past It was ordered that noe p'son that then was or thereafter should be a Member of this Corporacon did att any tyme surrender or resigne his office and place (old age and infirmities excepted) upon paine that every member therein offending being of the degree of an Alderman should forfeit and pay to the use of the said Corporacon any sume not exceeding Forty pounds and not under Thirty pounds, and of the degree of an Assistant any sume not exceeding Twenty pounds and not under Fifteene pounds as by the said in pte. recited order whereunto reference being had more att large may appeare, And forasmuch as Thomas Lazenby, gent., one of the Assistants of this Borough (not being afflicted with infirmity or old age) since the makeing of the said order by an instrument under his hand and seale bearing date the nyneteenth of June instant hath resigned his said office and place of Assistant contrary to the purporte of the said order It is therefore ordered by this Corte that unlesse the said Mr. Lazenby doe appeare att the next Corte of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to be holden for this Borough as one of the members thereof the sume of Fifteene pounds wilbe imposed upon him as a fine pursuiant to the said in pte. recited order above menconed.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the twenty nynth day of September 1697.

Att this Corte did appeare John Dodgson, Major, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Thomas Kitchingman, William Calverley, Caleb Askwith and John Rontry, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Marke Broadley, William Cottam, Henry Etherington, Randolph Briggs, Edward Prince, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Jeremiah Dixon, James Kitchingman, Thomas Lodge, John Gibson, Jeremiah Barstow and Ralph Thoresby, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte William Milner, Esq., one of the Aldermen of this Borough, was in due forme of law elected Major of the Borough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing Whereupon it is ordered that the Serjeant att Mace doe forthwith give notice to the said Mr. Milner of such his election and also sumon him to be and appeare att the next gen'all Sessions of the peace to be holden for the said Borough on Wednesday the sixth day of October next comeing, then and there to take upon him the said office according to the direction of the Letters Patents in that behalfe.

Att this Corte Mr. William Cookeson the elder was in due forme of law elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell of this Borough in the roome of Mr. Thomas Condon who had resigned his place.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the eighteenth day of October 1697.

Att this Corte did appeare William Milner, Major, William Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson and

Caleb Askwith, Aldermen, John Kitchingman, Marke Broadley, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, Richard Powell, Thomas Moore, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Toby Iles, Jeremiah Dixon, James Kitchingman, Thomas Lodge, John Gibson, Jeremiah Barstowe, Ralph Thoresby and John Whitehead, Assistants: the rest made default.

Att this Corte it is ordered that the paper subscribed beareing date the sixth of October instant purporting the makeing of gownes for the Comon Councell be made and declared a by law And the same is soe hereby made and declared And it is further ordered that the said by law be observed and kept by the present and succeeding members of the Comon Councell of this Borough under the penalty of Five pounds for every member herein offending.

# 1698

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants holden for the said Borough the twenty nynth day of September 1698.

Att this Corte did appeare William Milner, Major, Thomas Dixon, Joshua Ibbetson, William Sawer, William Massie, John Preston, John Dodgson, Caleb Askwith and John Rontry, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Marke Broadley, William Cottam, Joseph Pinckney, Randolph Briggs, William Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Toby Iles, James Kitchingman, Thomas Lodge and John Gibson, Assistants: the rest made default.

At this Corte Caleb Askwith, Esq., one of the Aldermen of this Borough, was elected Major of the Borough aforesaid for the yeare ensueing, being present in Corte.

Ordered that Mr. Thomas Lazenby, one of the Assistants of this Corporacon, doe appeare att the next Corte of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to answer such matters as shalbe objected against him And that the Serjeant att Mace doe give the said Mr. Lazenby notice thereof.

Ordered that the penaltyes appoynted by the lawes be levyed upon such members as are absent from this Corte unlesse they show good cause to the contrary.

Att this Corte Mr. Samuel Hey was elected one of the Assistants of this Corporacon in the roome of Mr. William Cookeson who was formerly elected an Assistant but excused from his office by the Corte.

Att this Corte it is ordered that the Major, the Major elect, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Sawer, Mr. Broadley, Mr. Cottam, Mr. Powell and Mr. Gibson doe meete at the Coffee house on Saturday the eight day of October next coming to take the accounts of Mr. Dodgson, late Treasurer of this Corporacon and alsoe the accounts of Richard Nottingham, and that they give order to the present Treasurer for the payment thereof.

Memdum, that the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November in the x<sup>th</sup> year of the Raign of King William the 3<sup>d</sup> Samuell Hey of Leeds, Linnen Drap., did in due forme of Law take the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Par-

liam<sup>t</sup> made in the first year of the Raigne of King Willm. & Queen Mary entituled (an Act for abrogateing the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy and for appointing other Oaths) and also the Oath menconed in a certain Act of Parliamt. (entituled an Act for regulacon of Corporacons) And also subscribed the Declaracon menconed in the said Act, and then tooke the Oath well & truly to execute the office of an Assistant of this Burrough before Caleb Askwith Esq., Major.

I, Samuell Hey, doe declare that there lyes noe obligacon upon me or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the Solemn League and Covent. and that the same was in itselfe an unlawfull Oath and imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme agt. the known Laws & Libties. of the Kingdome.

[Signed] Saml. Hey.

### 1699

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Febry. in the Eleaventh year of the Raigne of King William the 3<sup>d</sup> Annoq. Dni. 1698–9.

At this Court did appeare Caleb Askwith Esq<sup>r</sup>, Major, Thomas Dixon, Joshua Ibbetson, Thomas Kitchingman, Willm. Massie, John Preston, Willm. Calverley, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, William Milner, John Rontree, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Willm. Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinkney, Randolph Briggs, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, Willm. Coldcoll, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Thomas Lazenby, Joshua Pickersgill, Tobias Iles, Jeremiah Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Jeremiah Barstow, Ralph Thorsby & John Whitehead, Assistants: the rest made default.

And Jaspar Blitheman, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder, Assistant to Mr. Major. At this Court Mr. Thomas Lazenby, one of the Assistants of this Corporation was duely elected by the number of 18 votes into the office & place of one of the Aldermen of this Corporacon in the room & place of Mr. Willm. Sawer, deceased, and being present in Court did in due form of Law take the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliament (entituled An Act for abrogateing the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacye and for appointing other Oaths) and then took the Oath well & truly to execute the office of an Alderman & Justice of

the peace of this Burrough.

Alderman Dixon ordered his p'testacon to be ent'ed agt. this election.

Ordered that if the Lord Cheife Baron Ward and Mr. Baron Powes or either of them doe come to this Town in their jorney from York to Lancaster they are to be treated at the charge of the Corporacon, wen charge the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay and to have the same allowed upon the passing his accounts.

Whereas Castilian Morris gent., Comon Clark of this Burrough, hath informed this Court that in the year 1693 [i.e. 21st July] there was an Order of this Court made in the behalfe of the said Castilian Morris for & upon the account of his office of Comon Clark of this Burrough as aforesaid, a Copy of web said Order written, exuied. [executed] & subscribed by Thomas Leigh, late Deputy Comon Clarke to the said Castilian Morris, he the said Castilian Morris hath now p'duced & read to this Court, the tenor whereof is in these words following (viz:)

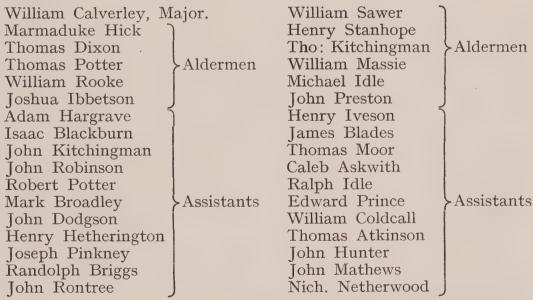
"The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the said Burrough the Eleaventh day of September in the fifth year of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord & Lady William & Mary, by the Grace of God over England, Scotland, France & Ireland King & Queen, defenders of the faith, &c., Annoq. Dni. 1693.

Whereas some of the Members of this Corporation have been dubious whether Mr. Castilian Morris has a good title to the Comon Clarks place of this Burrough and whether he has been duly elected, noiated [nominated] and sworne, and approved of by the late King. In Order to satisfie all the Members in this Matter by an Order of Court dated the One & twentieth day of July last past was summoned to appeare, but being in Wales the day appointed for his appearance he could not attend. But this present day, the said Castilian Morris being in Court, upon hearing & takeing the opinion of Councell, and duely considering Mr. Morris's Case with all its circumstances Wee doe declare that the said Mr. Morris was duely elected, noiated and appointed & sworne Comon Clarke according to the power reserved to Us in the Charter And that he was approved by his Mattie King Charles the second And further alsoe Wee doe declare the said Castilian Morris hath an undoubted title to the said Office and Wee doe confirme & ratifie him in the same.

p. cur.

T. Leigh C. Clis. Cur. g. p. d.

# Present:



Exibit p. T. Leigh: Clis. Cur. g. p. d."

And Whereas the said Castilian Morris hath complained to this Court that the Orders agt. him by which his Title to the aforesaid Office

of Comon Clarke of this Burrough is disputed & call'd in question are entered in the Booke of Orders belonging to this Court and that the aforesaid recited Order which was last made in his behalfe as aforesaid is not entered in the aforesaid Booke of Orders but altogeather left out & omitted which may tend to his great damage & disadvantage if the said Order be not entered And hath prayed releife therein according to the Justice & Wisedome of this Court; upon due consideration & deliberacon had of the premises, and finding the matter of complaint of the said Castilian Morris to be tru, It is hereby therefore Ordered (to doe him Justice & Right therein) that the aforesaid recited Order (togeather with this present Order) shall be entered in the aforesaid Book of Orders belonging to this Court And Wee doe allow, ratifie & confirm the same by these presents. In testimony whereof Wee have caused the Comon Seale of this Burrough to be hereunto affixed the day & year first above written 1698–9.

Ordered that Mr. Major (for the time being) and Mr. Recorder togeather wth. any Six of the Aldermen & four of the Comon Councell Men shall be a Select Committee and have power to swear at any time & place wthin the Town any p'son whitsoever a free Man of the Town & Burrough Upon such tearms & consideracons as to them shall seem meet & reasonable, anything in the By Laws to the contrary hereof in any wise notw<sup>th</sup>standing.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen & Assistents holden for the said Burrough the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September Annoq. Dni. 1699.

At this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appear Caleb Askwith, Major, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston, W<sup>m</sup> Calv'ley, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, W<sup>m</sup> Milner, John Rontree, Thomas Lazenby, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Mark Broadley, Willm. Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinkney, Randolph Briggs, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Jeremiah Dixon, James Kitchingman, Thomas Lodge, John Gibson, Jeremiah Bastow, John Whitehead, Samuell Hey: the rest made default.

Willm. Coldcall (one of the Assistants of this Corporacon) sent into this Court (by the hands of the Serjeant at Mace) a pap. purporting his desire & designe to resigne his said Office & place of one of the Assistants, which this Court recd. & accepted of & ordered the same to be drawn up in forme and ordered the Trear. to pay to the said Willm. Coldcall the sume of  $6 f_{\rm c}$  13<sup>8</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> wch. he form'ly payd upon his admission into his said Office.

Vid. his resignacon under his hand & seale.

Mr. Ralph Thorsby likewise sent in a pap. purporting his resignacon of his said Office, which the Court refused and ordered that the said Mr. Thorsby should be sumoned by the Serjeant at Mace to appeare at the next Co<sup>rt</sup> to receive the opinion of the Co<sup>rt</sup> therein.

Att this Court Mr. Thomas Sawer (nemine contradicente) was duely elected one of the Assistants of this Corporacon in the place & stead of Mr. Thomas Lazenby, removed to the place of one of the Aldermen thereof; of which electon the Serjeant at Mace is ordered to give him noetice.

Mr. James Dawson is likewise duely elected one of the Assistants of this Corporacon in the place & stead of Willm. Coldcall (who this day made his resignacon), of which eleccon the Serjeant at Mace is ordered to Give him noetice.

Ordered that Mr. Morris & Mr. Thorsby goe to Mrs. Idle & request her from this Court to give a copy of the Lease of the Toll to her husband from this Corporacon.

Mr. John Rontree, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, is duely elected (nemine contradicente) Major of the said Burrough for the year ensuing.

William Wells
Benjamin Bateson
John Wynn
Christopher Yates
John Forrest

were sworne freemen
of the said Burrough

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1699.

Att this Cort did appear John Rontree, Major.

Aldermen II 30. Assistants I8 30.

Mr. Ralph Thorsby being in Cort tendered againe his resignacon of his Office & place of one of the Assistants of this Burrough, weh was refused & he ordered to keep his place.

Mr. Major presented to the Court [a letter] from Mr. Gibson purporting the resignacon of his Office of one of the Assistants, &c., which was refused & he ordered to stand.

The matter touching Mr. Sawer's electon to the Office of one of the Assistants of this Burrough is respited till the next Court.

Mr. Caleb Wood is duely elected one of the Assistants of this Corporacon in the place & stead of Mr. Randolph Briggs, decd.

Memdum. that the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December in the Eleventh yeare of the Raigne of King William the 3<sup>d</sup> James Dawson of Leeds, Grocer, did in due forme of Law take the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. made in the first yeare of the Raigne of King William & Queen Mary entituled an Act for abrogateing the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacye and for appointing other Oaths and alsoe the Oath menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt. entituled an Act for regulation of Corporations And alsoe subscribed the declaracon in the said Act and then took the Oath well & truly to execute the office of an Assistant of this Burrough before John Rontree, Major, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke & Joshua Ibbetson, Aldermen, & others of the Assistants of the said Burrough.

I, James Dawson, doe declare that there lyes no obligation upon me or any other p'son from the Oath comonly called the solemne League & Covent. and that the same was in it selfe an unlawfull Oath & imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme against the known Laws & Libties, of the Kingdome.

> [signed] James Dawson. Caleb Wood.

Memdum. Caleb Wood of Leeds, Merchant, took the Oaths & subscribed the declaration aforesd, the day & yeare aforesaid.

# 1700

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the Burrough aforesaid the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Janry. Anno. Dni. 1699–700.

Att this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appeare John Rontree, Major, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston, Wm. Calverley, John Dodgson, Willm. Milner, Caleb Askwith & Thomas Lazenby, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Willm. Cottam, Henry Hetherington, Joseph Pinkney, Richard Powell, Thomas Moor, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Toby Iles, James Kitchingman, Thomas Lodge, Jeremiah Barstoe, John Whitehead, Sam¹ Hey, James Dawson & Caleb Wood: the rest made default.

Henry Iveson, Alder., at London.

John Gibson Assistants for non appearance fined 2<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> each Ralph Thorsby wthout shewing good cause at the next Court.

Mr. Thomas Sawer being sent for into Co<sup>rt</sup> was requested to give his answere whether he would accept of the office & place of one of the Assistants of this Burrough according to his Eleccon thereto; which he positively refused to doe, saying that his Father had laid an injuncon upon him to the contrary Whereupon he was (by a majority of votes) fined the sume of Twenty pounds w<sup>ch</sup> he is hereby ordered to pay to the Trear. for the use of this Corporacon.

Mr. John Gibson, one of the Assistants of this Corporacon, is duely (by a majority of votes) elected one of the Aldermen of the same in the place & stead of Alderm. Massye, lately decd., of which eleccon the Serjeant at Mace is hereby ordered to give him noetice and to sumon him to appeare to take his place upon him on Munday the fifth of Febry. next at two of the clock in the afternoone And he is ordered to pay the sume of 6 f  $6^s$   $8^{d-1}$  to the Trear. according to custome for the use of the Corporation.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the fourth day of March 1699-700.

At this Cort did appeare John Rontree, Major.

Aldermen — 9

27.

Assistants — 17 Joshua Ibbetson, Wm. Calverley, Aldermen, Mark Broadley, Henry Hetherington, Edward Prince, Thomas Lodge & Ralph Thorsby, Assistants, made default.

Att this Court Mr. John Gibson did in due forme of Law take the Oath of Allegiance and afterwards the Oath of an Alderman & Justice of the Peace of this Burrough pursuant to his election thereto in the place & stead of Alderman Massie decd.

Att this Cort Mr. Joseph Briggs was unanimously elected one of the Assistants of this Corporacon in the place & stead of Mr. Thomas

<sup>1</sup> Should be £6 13s. 4d.

Sawre who refused to stand, and he is ordered to pay the sum of  $6 \not$  13<sup>8</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> (according to custome) to the Trear. for the use of the Corporacon.

At this Court alsoe Mr. John Kirshaw was elected one of the Assistants of this Corporacon in the place and stead of Mr. John Gibson removed to the place of one of the Aldermen thereof, and ordered to pay  $6 f_{13^8}$  4<sup>d</sup> to the Trear. according to custome for the use of the Corporacon.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the Burrough aforesaid the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June Annoq. Dni. 1700.

At this Court did appeare John Rontree, Major, Willm. Rooke, Joshua Ibbetson, Thomas Kitchingman, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, Willm. Milner, Caleb Askwith & Thomas Lazenby, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Mark Broadley, Henry Hetherington, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Toby Iles, Jeremiah Dixon, James Kitchingman, Thomas Lodge, Samuell Hey, James Dawson, Caleb Wood, Joseph Briggs & John Kirshaw, Assistants: the rest made default.

At this Court Mr. James Kitchingman, one of the Assistants of this Corporacon, is duely elected one of the Aldermen thereof in the place & stead of Alderman Calverley decd., and he being present in Co<sup>rt</sup> did at the same time take the Oath of Allegiance and afterwards was sworne Alderman & Justice of peace of the said Corporacon, and he the said Mr. Kitchingman is ordered to pay the sume of Six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence to the Trear. for the use of the Corporacon according to custome for such his election & removall.

At this Co<sup>rt</sup> It is ordered that a Comittee for inquiring after such p'sons. tradesmen as are comed into the Town & Corporacon to inhabite doe meet on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of this instant June at the Moothall at two of the Clock in the afternoone and that they have power to admitt into & make free of the Corporacon such p'sons. & upon such tearms as they shall think fitt.

The present Major.
The Recorder & any
Six of the Aldermen.
togeather wth.
Mr. Richd Powell
Mr. John Hunter
Mr. Tho. Atkinson &

Mr. Jos: Pickersgill

or any four of the Assistants in their absence to be of the said Comittee.

Memdum. the Comittee appointed by the last Cort for admitting of Straingers & others freemen of this Towne & Burrough pursuant to the Order aforesaid Mett on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June Anno. Dni. 1700.

At this Comittee Henry Stockdale, who was apprentice to a Mercer in Bradford, being lately come to inhabite in this Towne to follow his said trade of a Mercer, upon Sumons appeared before this Comittee and desired to be admitted a freeman of this Town & Burrough Whereupon the Comittee takeing the same into their consideration

put it to the vote what sum of money the said Edward [Henry] Stock-dale should pay for his freedom and by a majority of votes he was ordered to pay the sume of 20£, which said sume of 20£ the said Edward [Henry] Stockdale (being present in Court) is hereby ordered to pay accordingly.

Whereupon the said Mr. Stockdale desired time to consider of the said Order, and time is given him till the first Munday in July next.

Alsoe Leonard Stables late of York, Haberdasher, upon Sumons appeared and desired to be admitted a freeman, &c., upon consideration whereof had by the Comittee he is ordered to pay two Guineas in Gold for his freedom.

And upon his request he has likewise time given him till Munday the first of July to consider of the afores<sup>d</sup> Order.

On Munday the first day of July, pursuant to the Order aforesaid, the said Henry Stockdale appeared, and being required to give his answere as to paying the fine imposed upon him by the Order afores<sup>d</sup>, he answered that he would stand to the Courtesie of the Court.

Leonard Stables likewise appeared and gave the like answere as to his fine.

Soe the further consideration hereof is referred to the next Co<sup>rt</sup> of Major, Aldermen & Assistants, &c.

Md. the afores  $^d$  15<sup>th</sup> day of June at the Comittee afores  $^d$  the p'sons whose names are hereunder written took the Oath of Allegiance to his Ma<sup>tle</sup> and afterwards the Oath of a freeman of this Town & Burrough & were sev'ally admitted freemen thereof.

Joshua Turner, late of Wakefeild, Joiner, upon consideration had of his usefullness to the Town was admitted freeman upon his paymt. of 10<sup>s</sup> fine, which he payd. in Court.

James Dawson, Mercer
Toby Lambert Linnen Draps.
Peter Lambert Linnen Draps.
Thomas Iles, Woollen Drap.
Benjamine Greenwood, Barber
Joseph Oats, Salter

Were
Apprences. in the Towne.

Christopher Pawson, Linnen Drap., a freeman of the Citty of London. Lawrence Hunton, Glover, an Inhabitant 20 years in the Towne.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistants holden for the Burrough aforesaid on Munday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, being the day after Michmas. day, Annoq. dni. 1700.

At this Court did appeare John Rontree, Major, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, Willm. Milner, Caleb Askwith, Thomas Lazenby, John Gibson & James Kitchingman, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Marck Broadley, Willm. Cottam, Joseph Pinkney, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Jeremiah Dixon, Jeremiah Barstow, John Whitehead, James Dawson & John Kirshaw, Assistants: the rest made default.

It is Ordered that Henry Stockdale, Mercer, doe pay the sume of Twenty pounds, being a fine imposed upon [him] by a vote and Order of a Comittee of this Court on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June last past for his freedom of this Town & Burrough w<sup>th</sup>in fourteen days after noetice hereof to the present Trear., Mr. William Cottam, for the use of the Corporation And in default thereof that a warr<sup>t</sup> be issued out agt. him to levye the same upon his Goods & Chattells.

The like Order that Leonard Stables pay two Guineas in Gold or in default a warr<sup>t</sup> to be issued out, &c., as abovesd.

At this Court Mr. Thomas Lazenby, one of the Aldermen of this Burrough, is in due forme & unanimously elected Major of this Corporacon for the year ensueing.

At this Court Mr. Benjamine Atkinson is duely elected to the Office & place of one of the Assistants or Comon Councell Men of this Corporation in the place & stead of Mr. James Kitchingman, lately removed to the office & place of one of the Aldermen thereof, of weh said election the Serjeant at Mace is hereby ordered to give him noetice and to Sumon him to appeare to take the said office upon him and to pay to the Trear. (according to custome) the sume of Six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence for the use of the Corporation.

At this Court likewise Mr. Jacob Simpson is duely elected one of the Assistants of this Corporation in the place & stead of Mr. Caleb Wood, decd. Ordered (as above).

At this Court it is ordered that the Serjeant at Mace have a new Gowne made and Mr. Mr. Elect [i.e. Mr. Mayor Elect] is desired to order the same and the Trear. is hereby ordered to pay the charges thereof.

Memdum, that the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of the Raigne of King Willm, the 3<sup>d</sup>, Mr. Benjamine Atkinson of Leeds, Grocer (being formerly elected one of the Assistants of this Corporation), did in due forme of Law take the Oaths menconed in a certaine Act of Parliamt, made in the first year of the Raigne of King W<sup>m</sup> & Queen Mary (entituled an Act for abrogateing the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy and for appointing other Oaths) And afterwards took the Oath of an Assistant or Comon Councell Man of this Corporacon before Thomas Lazenby Esqr., Major, Caleb Askwith & John Gibson, Aldermen, John Hunter & Jeremiah Barstow, Assistants.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assists held for the Burrough aforesd the 14th day of December, Annoq. Dni. 1700.

At this Co<sup>rt</sup> did appear Thomas Lazenby, Major, Will<sup>m</sup> Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston, John Dodgson, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, John Gibson, James Kitchingman, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Jno. Kitchingman, Will<sup>m</sup> Cottam, Joseph Pinkney, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Josua Pickersgill, Jer: Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Jer. Barstow, Ralph Thorsby, John Whitehead, Samuel Hey, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw, Assistants: the rest made default.

Whereas Mr. Jacob Simpson was att a Cort of Major, Aldermen & Common Counsell held for the Burrough afores on Munday the 30th day of September last past duely Elected one of the Assistants of this Corporacon and whereas the said Mr. Simpson (having been duely sumoned to take the sd. place or office uppon him) doth possitively refuse to accept thereof.

It is therefore ordered by this Cort. that the said Mr. Jacob Simpson for such his contempt & refusall be fined the sume of ten pounds, and he the said Jacob Simpson is hereby fined the sume of ten pounds and ordered to pay the same upon notice hereof to Mr. Will<sup>m</sup> Cottam, Trear., for the use of the Corporacon.

At this Cort Mr. Henry Moore is duely elected to the office & place of one of the Assistants or Common Councell Men of this Corporacon in the place & Stead of Mr. Jacob Simpson; of weh sed election the Serjt att Mace is hereby ordered to give him noetice and to sumon him to appear to take the sed office upon him & to pay to the Treasurer (according to custome) the sume of Six pounds thirteen shillings & Four pence for the use of the Corporacon.

# 1701

Memdum. that the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Raigne Henry Moore of Leeds, Woollen Draper, did in due forme of Law take the Oaths menconed in a certaine Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> made in the first year of the Raigne of King Willm. & Queen Mary (intituled an Act for Abrogateing the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacye & for appointing other Oaths) and afterwards took the Oath of one of the Assistants of this Corporacon before William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, John Gibson & James Kitchingman, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Richard Powell, Tobias Iles & Benjamine Atkinson, Assistants.

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**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May Annoq. Dni. 1701.

At this Court did appear Thomas Lazenby, Major, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree & James Kitchingman, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Mark Broadley, Willm. Cottam, Richard Powell, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Toby Iles, Jeremiah Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Jeremiah Barstow, Ralph Thorsby, John Whitehead, Samuell Hey, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw & Henry Moor, Assistants: the rest made default (viz:)

pt. John Preston
d. Henry Iveson
pt. John Gibson
Aldermen
fin. 2<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> John Kitchingman
pt. Joseph Pinkney
Thomas Moor non sum
fin. 2<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> Thomas Atkinson
Benjamine Atkinson

Whereas the revenue of this Corporation ariseing out of the Toll is in danger to be lost if speedy care be not taken to preserve the same It is therefore Ordered by this Court that Mr. Major, Mr. Rooke, Mr. Thomas Kitchingman, Mr. Dodgson, Mr. Milner & Mr. Askwith, Aldermen, Mr. Cottam, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Hey, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Pickersgill & Mr. Briggs, Assistants, or the major parte of them, be & are appointed a Comittee to inspect such papers & writeings as any wise concerns the same and to consult with the Recorder touching the same and that the said Recorder and the said Comittee doe imploy such p'sons for Sollicitors as they shall think fitt and that Mr. Willm. Cottam shall

from time to time disburse such sume or sums of money as the Comittee or the major number of them shall think necessary for the pains, drawing fees, expences & other charges either at Law or Equity in preserving, recovering & defending the just right & priviledge of the Corporation, rendring an account of their p'ceedings to this Court: And such suits agt. any p'son as they shall be advised to comence shall be justified and they indemnified in their p'ceedings therein.

It is Ordered that ev'y Member, Assistant or Comon Councell Man of this Corporacon (except old Mr. Hargrave) doe make himselfe a suitable Gown on or before the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July next upon the penalty of the forfeiture of five pounds for ev'y Member or Assistant that shall faile herein: and It is further Ordered that the said Assistants doe in their formallities accompany the Major for the time being & the Aldermen to Church upon festivall days & upon other publick & solemne Occons. [occasions] upon noetice thereof to be given by the Serjeant at Mace by the Order of Mr. Major upon the penalty of the forfeiture of one shilling a peece for ev'y default in not appearing as aforesaid to the use of the Corporacon.

At this Court Mr. Edmund Barker was duely elected one of the Assistants or Comon Councell-Men of this Corporacon in the place & stead of Mr. Henry Etherington [sic] lately decd., of which Eleccon the Serjeant at Mace is hereby Ordered to give him noetice & to sumon him to take the said Office upon him and to pay the sume of Six pounds thirteen shillings & eight [four] according to custome to the Trear. for the use of the Corporacon.

Memdum, the day & year abovesaid the said Edmund Barker took the Oaths menconed in a certaine Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> made in the first year of the Raigne of King William & Queen Mary entituled (an Act for abrogateing the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacye & for appointing other othes) and afterwards the Oath of an Assistant or Comon Councell Man of this Corporacon before Thomas Lazenby, Major, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman et al., Aldermen, & most of the Comon Councell Men.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen & Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno R. R. Gulielmi III 13° Annoq. dni. 1701.

At this Court did appeare Thomas Lazenby, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Major, Willm. Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston, John Dodgson, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, John Gibson & James Kitchingman, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Mark Broadley, Willm. Cottam, Edw<sup>d</sup> Prince, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Toby Iles, Jeremiah Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Samuell Hey, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw & Henry Moore, Assistents: the rest made default.

Whereas Mr. Henry Stockdale was fined the sume of twenty pounds for his freedom of this Corporacon It is (by the unanimous consent of this Court) ordered that five pounds, pte. of the said sume of Twenty pounds, be remitted And that the said Mr. Stockdale's note for the remaining fifteen pounds to be paid to Mr. Major for the use of the Corporacon shall be accepted of.

At this Cort Mr. William Cottam, one of the Assistants of the Corporacon, is duely elected into the Office & place of one of the Aldermen & Justices of the Peace of the same in the place & stead of Alderman Ibbetson, lately decd., of which electon, being present in Court, he is desired to take noetice.

The p'sons hereunder named were duely sworn freemen of this Corporacon.

Henry Stockdale, Mercer, p. 15£ fine. Solomon Pollard, Apothecary. Joseph Schofeild, Hatter. Thomas Nayler, Upholster. John Pickerd, Mercer & Grocer. Robt. Harrison, Tayler.

Ordered that Mr. Cottam, the Trear., doe pay to Mr. Morris the sume of One pound, nine shillings & four pence, being an old debt due to him from the Corporacon according to his Bill, wen shall be allowed to the said Mr. Cottam upon passing his Accounts.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistents held for the Burrough aforesaid the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno. R. R. Willi. III, xiii<sup>o</sup> Annoq. dni. 1701.

At this Court did Appeare Thomas Lazenby, Major, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, Willm. Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Gibson, James Kitchingman, Alderm., and Willm. Cottam, Alderman elect, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Mark Broadley, Thomas Moor, Edward Prince, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Toby Iles, Thomas Lodge, Jeremiah Barstow, Ralph Thorsby, Samuell Hey, Joseph Briggs & Henry Moor: the rest made default.

Mr. William Cottam being present was told that this Court was call'd to take his resolution whether or no he wou'd accept of the Office & Place of Alderman according to his Electon to the same at the last Court; he the said Mr. Cottam replyed that by reason of his old age he was altogeather unfitt to take upon him the said Office and desired the Court to accept of his Surrender, wch was rejected, and he was again requested to take upon him the said Office of Alderman, which he absolutely refused. Whereupon the Court desired the said Mr. Cottam to withdraw and then p'ceeded to vote & to impose a reasonable fine upon him for such his refusal, and the votes were as followeth (vizt.) three for fifteen pounds fine, six for twenty pounds fine and seaventeen for thirty pounds fine: Soe by majority of Votes he the said Mr. Cottam is by this Court fined the sume of Thirty pounds, who being called in was made acquainted therewith.

At this Court Mr. Joshua Pickersgill is elected & appointed Trear, to the Corporacon in the place of Mr. William Cottam, who is hereby ordered to pass his accounts of what money he hath recd. & how disbursed for the use of the Corporacon to any Six of the Aldermen and as many Assis<sup>ts</sup> of this Court as will be present to receive the same at the Guildhall in Leeds on Saturday the second day of August next at two of the clock in the afternoon and to pay over the ballance at the foot of the said account to the said Joshua Pickersgill And

likewise to pay the aforesaid sume of thirty pounds imposed upon him for refusall to take the office of Alderman upon him to the said Joshua Pickersgill for the use of the Corporacon, whose receipt for the same shall be his sufficient discharge; And the Serjeant at Mace is ordered to serve the said Mr. Cottam w<sup>th</sup> a Copy of this Order.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistents held for the Burrough aforesaid the 2<sup>d</sup> day of August Anno R. R<sup>s</sup> Gulielmi 3<sup>iii</sup> xiii<sup>o</sup> Annoq. dni. 1701.

At this Court did appeare Thomas Lazenby, Major, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Dodgson, Willm. Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, John Gibson, Aldermen, and William Cottam, Alderman elect, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Mark Broadley, Edward Prince, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Toby Iles, Jeremiah Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Jeremiah Barstow, Ralph Thoresby, Samuell Hey, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw & Henry Moore, Assistents: the rest made default.

At this Court Mr. Willm. Cottam (late Trear.), pursuant to a former Order, gave in his Account of what sums of money he had rec<sup>d</sup> and how disbursed for the use of the Corporacon, which was read & approved of And he is ordered to pay the ballance thereof to Mr. Pickersgill, the present Trear., for the use of the Corporacon, being the sume of

These p'sons whose names are under written are hereby ordered to pay to the said Mr. Pickersgill the sume of twenty Nobles apeece according to custome upon their sev'all and respective Electors (vizt.)

	£	s.	
Mr. Benjamine Atkinson	6	13	4
Mr. Henry Moor	6	13	4
Mr. Edmund Barker	6	13	4
and Mr. Henry Stockdale for his fine by			
his Note to Mr. Major	15	О	О
Tot.	50	14	$10^1$

Mr. William Cottam being present in Court was againe requested to take the office of Alderman upon him and the Oath of the office of Alderman was tendered to him, woh he refused to take and absolutely againe refused the said Office, whereupon the said Mr. Cottam was requested to pay the sume of thirty pounds set upon him as a fine for such his refusall, woh the said Mr. Cottam likewise refused to pay. Test. Willm. Brookesbanck.

Stephen Clough.

Ordered that a warr<sup>t</sup> be issued out ag<sup>t</sup> the said Mr. William Cottam under the Comon Seale directed to the Serjeant at Mace & Richard Nottingham to demand the said sume of Thirty pounds of the said William Cottam And upon his refusall to pay the same on or before the first day of September next that then they levy the said sume of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> I.e. including amount (£15 14s. 10d.) above.

thirty pounds upon the goods & chattells of the said Willm. Cottam pursuant to the directors & power given to the Corporation by the Charter.

At this Court Mr. Samuell Hey by a majority of votes is duely elected into the place & office of one of the Aldermen & Justices of the Peace of this Corporacon in the place & stead of Mr. William Cottam who has refused to take upon him the said Office of Alderman according to his Eleccon to the same.

At this Court Mr. William Cookeson jun<sup>r</sup> is duely elected by a majority of votes into the Office or place of one of the Assistents or Comon Councell Men of this Burrough in the place of Mr. Joseph Pinkney decd.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistents held for the Burrough aforesd the 29th day of September Anno. Dni. 1701.

At this Court did appear Thomas Lazenby, Major, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, Willm. Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Gibson & James Kitchingman, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Mark Broadley, Richrd Powell, Edward Prince, Thomas Atkinson, Joshua Pickersgill, Thomas Lodge, Jeremiah Barstow, Ralph Thoresby, James Dawson, John Kirshaw, Edmund Barker & Willm. Cookeson, Assisstents.

Ordered that Mr. Piccersgill be continued Trear. for the year ensueing.

Ordered that Mr. Ness doe demand the Corporacon Bookes of Mr. Cottam and Mr. Nottingham & others—upon his refuseall to bring an accon. agt. him.

Mr. Gibson is unanimously elected into the office of Major of this Burrough for the ensueing year.

Mr. Joshua Ibbetson<sup>1</sup> was unanimously Elected & Chosen one of the Assistents of this Burrough in the place of Mr. William Cottam, who was elected to the Office of one of the Aldermen of this Corporacon & • refused the same.

Mr. Sam<sup>11</sup> Iles is unanimously elected into the office or place of one of the Assistents of this Corporacon in the place of Mr. Sam<sup>11</sup> Hey, Chosen and removed to the place & office of one of the Aldermen, &c.

Memdum, that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1701 (being appointed the day of rejoyceing for the King's Safe retorne) Mr. Joshua Ibbetson & Mr. Sam<sup>11</sup> Iles were sworne into the office of Assistents of this Corporacon before John Gibson Esq., Major, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Rooke & al. Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Mark Broadley & al. Assistents.

#### 1702

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen & assistents held for this Burrough the 2d day of September Anno. Dni. 1702.

At this Court did appear

John Gibson, Major, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Rooke, Thomas Kitching-

<sup>1</sup> I.e. Joshua Ibbetson the younger.

man, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, Caleb Asquith, James Kitchingman & Sam<sup>11</sup> Hey, Aldermen, Mark Broadley, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Jerimiah Dixon, Ralph Thoresby, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw, Edmund Barker and Sam<sup>11</sup> Iles, Assistents: the rest made default.

Memdum. that Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Thomas Atkinson & Joshua Ibbetson are re-elected Comon Councell Men, &c. and were sworne in the Court accordingly.<sup>1</sup>

It is ordered at this Court that any and every p'son yt. shall be hereafter elected & Chosen A member of this Corporacon as an assistent & after from that Office to be removed to be an Alderman shall upon each such electon pay the sume of  $6 \not \in 13^s$   $4^d$  to the trear, for the use of the Corporacon before he be sworne into the such respective office and that such p'son, soe elected & Chosen shall be obliged to take the sd. office upon him w<sup>th</sup>in a month after such electon or else the same to be void.

Mr. Edmund Barker is elected Alderman nemine contradicente, who being present in Court and acquainted therewith was immediately sworne Alderman & Justice of the peace and tooke his place accordingly.

The Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistents held for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September Anno Dni. 1702.

At this Court did appear John Gibson, Major, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, Willm. Milner, Caleb Askwith, James Kitchingman, Sam<sup>11</sup> Hey & Edmund Barker, of the Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Mark Broadley, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Piccersgill, Jerimiah Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Ralph Thoresby, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw, Willm. Cookeson & Joshua Ibbetson of the Assistents: the rest made default.

Ordered that Mr. Major, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Preston, Mr. Iveson, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Askwith, and Mr. Alderman James Kitchingman, of the Aldermen, or the major pte. of them, Mr. Powell, Mr. Jerimiah Dixon, Mr. Thoresby, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Kirshaw & Mr. Cookeson, or the Major pte. of them, be a Select Comittee appointed to inspect Mr. Morris bill and the Bills due from the Corporacon to other p'sons and to make their report what the whole amounts to and what they think fitt to be done therein att the first Sp'ial Sessions of the peace to be held for this Burrough.

Mr. Alderman James Kitchingman is nemine contradicente elected Major of this Burrough for the year ensueing.

Mr. Whitehead to appear to shew cause why another should not be Chosen in his room.<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Benjamine Killingbeck and Mr. Thomas Pease were candidates, one whereof to be Chosen into the place of a comon Concellman of this Burrough in the place of Mr. Edmund Barker removed to be one of the Aldermen, &c., and the Majoritie of Votes fell upon Mr. Killingbeck, and is voted duely into the office of one of the Assistents or comon

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The reason for the re-election of these Assistants is not apparent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Presumably for non-attendance. He was elected 21 June 1697.

councell men, &c., of w<sup>ch</sup> the Serjeant at Mace is to give him noetice and to sumon him to take the sd. office upon him w<sup>th</sup>in a month and to pay the sume of 6£ 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> for the use of the corporacon according to custome.

Votes for  $\begin{cases} Mr. & Killingbeck \\ Mr. & Pease \end{cases}$  19.

Md. that the 2<sup>d</sup> day of November 1702 Mr. Benjamine Killingbeck did in due forme of Law take the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> intituled an Act for abrogateing the Oaths of Supremacye and Allegiance and appointing other Oaths, and afterwards tooke the Oath of a Comon councell man or one of the Assistents of this Corporacon before James Kitchingman Esq., Major, Jasp. Blythman Esq., Recorder, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston and severall others of the Aldermen, John Kitchingman and Thomas Atkinson, Assistents, in open Court, it being the adjornmt. of the Generall Qr. Sessions.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen & Assistents held for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November Anno. Dni. 1702.

At this Court did appear James Kitchingman, Major, John Preston, John Dodgson, Willm. Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree & John Gibson of the Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Mark Broadley, Richard Powell, Thomas Atkinson, John Hunter, Joshua Piccersgill, Toby Iles, Thomas Lodge, Jerimiah Barstow, Ralph Thorsby, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, Willm. Cookeson, Joshua Ibbetson, Sam<sup>11</sup> Iles of the Assistents: the rest made default.

Ordered that the sume of twelve pounds be allowed out of the publick Stock to be expended at a treat at Mr. Blaiks upon Thursday the 3<sup>d</sup> of December next, being the day appointed for publick thankesgiveing for the success of her Ma<sup>ties</sup> Army & her allyes agt. Vigo, and that whoever stayes to spend above that they shall pay it out of their own pocketts.

Ordered that Mr. Piccersgill doe give to Mr. Morris Mr. Stocdale's note for 15 £ due from him to the Corporacon in parte of payment of his Bill of Charges of 31 £ given for severall matters done according to the p'ticulers thereof and that Mrs. Lazenby doe pay her own Charges we'n is another parte & p'ticuler of the sd Bill.

Ordered that the sume of three pounds be paid to Alderman Askwith according to the report of the Comittee for expenses at the Duke of Leeds upon carrying up an Addresse to King Willm.

Mr. Thomas Pease is duely elected one of the Assistents of this Corporacon in the place & stead of Mr. John Whitehead, of  $w^{eh}$  Eleccon the Serjeant at Mace is to give him noetice & to sumon him to appear at the Comon Hall on Thursday morning next to take the  $s^d$  office upon him and to pay the Trear. the sume of 6 f  $13^s$   $4^d$  for the use of the Corporacon according to custome.

		Mr.	Pease	Scholfeild	16
Votes :	for ≺	Mr.	Joseph	Scholfeild	3
		Mr.	Green		2
		Mr.	Totty		I
				tot.	22

Ordered that Mr. Piccersgill, the Trear., doe pay to Richard Nottingham the sume of Fifteen pounds in parte of what is due to him from the Corporacon, weh shall be allowed upon passing his Accts.

At a Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistents held for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> on Fryday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December Anno. Dni. 1702.

At this Court did appear James Kitchingman Esq., Major, Willm. Rooke, John Dodson, Willm. Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, John Gibson & Sam<sup>11</sup> Hey, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Jno. Kitchingman, Mark Broadley, Richard Powell, John Hunter, Joshua Piccersgill, Jerimiah Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Jerimiah Barstow, Ralph Thorsby, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw, Benj. Atkinson, Willm. Cookeson, Joshua Ibbetson & Sam<sup>11</sup> Iles, Assistents: the rest made Default.

At this Court Mr. Henry Adam was chosen to be Comon Clark and Clerk of the Peace in the room of Mr. Castilian Morris, Decd., nemine contradicente, and it is ordered further that Mr. Recorder do forthwith Draw a peticon persuant to the Charter to the Queen's Most Excellent Majestye in order to obtain her Ma<sup>tles</sup> approbacon of our electon of the s<sup>d</sup> Mr. Adam to be our comon Clark and Clark of the peace.

## 1703

Memorandum that on Fryday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> Anno. Dni. 1702[3] Mr. Henry Adam (who was elected Comon Clarke of and for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> at the afores<sup>d</sup> Court of Major, Aldermen & Assistents held for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> on Fryday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December last past) haveing produced & shown her Maj<sup>ties</sup> Gracious Approbacon of the s<sup>d</sup> Mr. Adam's eleccon to be comon Clarke as afores<sup>d</sup> under the Signet and Sign Manual unto James Kitchingman Esq., Major of the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup>, Willm. Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Dodgson and John Rontree, Aldermen, then met in the Guildhall in Leeds, and the s<sup>d</sup> Henry Adam haveing prayed to be admitted into the s<sup>d</sup> Office of Comon Clarke for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> pursuant to the afores<sup>d</sup> Eleccon and Approbacon, the s<sup>d</sup> Approbacon was thereupon ordered to be read and was read before the said Major and Aldermen, being in the words following (vizt.)

#### ANNE R.

Anne, by the Grace of God Queen of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whome these presents shall come Greeting. Whereas the Major, Aldermen & Burgesses of our Burrough of Leeds in our County of York have by their Peticcon humbly represented unto us that the Office or place of their Comon Clerke being vacant by the Death of Castilian Morris, Gent., they in pursuance of the power to them Granted by the Charters of our Royall Progenitors have Unanimously made choice of our Trusty and welbeloved Henry Adam, Gentl., to succeed the s<sup>d</sup> Castilian Morris in the Office afores<sup>d</sup> and therefore humbly pray that we would be Graciously Pleased to approve and allow of that their Eleccon, Now wee being well Satisfied of the Loyalty, Integrity & ability of the s<sup>d</sup> Henry Adam have thought fitt to condescend to their request and doe hereby (according to the power reserved to us in their Charter) for us our Heires and Successors

approve, allow and Confirme the Eleccon of him the s<sup>d</sup> Henry Adam to be our Comon Clerke of our Burrough of Leeds in our County of Yorke afores<sup>d</sup>.

GIVEN at our Court at  $S^t$  James's the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 1702 in the first year of our Raign.

By Her Majesties Comand, Nottingham.

and after Reading thereof the s<sup>d</sup> Henry Adam, pursuant to the Charter of this Burrough and the Statutes in that case made, likewise before the s<sup>d</sup> Major & Aldermen, Did first take the Oaths appointed by an Act of Parliamt. made in the first year of the raign of our late Soveraign Lord & Lady King Willm. & Queen Mary, Entituled an Act for Abrogateing the Oaths of Supremacie & Allegiance & appointeing other Oaths and then the Oath of Comon Clerke of the s<sup>d</sup> Burrough appointed for the Due execucon of his office and likewise the Oath menconed in an Act of Parliamt. alsoe made in the first year of the Raigne of the late King Willm. & Queen Mary, Entituled an Act for Enabling Lords Comers for the great Seal to execute the Office of Lord Chancelleur or Lord Keeper, and was then admitted into the s<sup>d</sup> Office by the Major & Aldermen aforesaid.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for the Burr. afores<sup>d</sup> on Munday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June in the Second year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady Queen Anne of England, &c., Annoq. Dni. 1703.

At this Court did appear James Kitchingman Esq., Major, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, John Gibson, Sam¹ Hey and Edmund Barker, Alderm: Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Tobias Iles, Thomas Lodge, Jeremia Barstow, Mr. Ralph Thoresby, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw, Benjamin Atkinson, Henry Moor, William Cookson, Junr., and Samuel Iles, Assis¹s: the rest made default.

At this Court (Mr. Alderm. Milner being gon out) Mr. Joseph Scholfield was by a Majority of votes chosen to serve as Assistant or Comon Councill man of this Burr: in the room and place of Mr. Thomas Atkinson late dec<sup>d</sup> And it is Ordered that the Serj<sup>t</sup> at Mace give notice to the s<sup>d</sup> Mr. Scholfield of this Election and Sumon him to appear at the Moothall in Leeds the first Munday of the next Month at three of the clock in the after noon, then and there to take upon him the s<sup>d</sup> Office, And to pay Six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence to the Treasurer of the Corporacon for the use of the Corporacon according to Custome.

 $\begin{array}{c} N^{\circ} \ Votes \\ \text{Candidates} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} Mr. \ Joseph \ Scholfield & 19 \\ Mr. \ Jeremia \ Cranidge & 1 \\ Mr. \ Abra^{m} \ Fenton & 3 \\ Mr. \ Richard \ Hopkinson & 3 \end{array} \right.$ 

Memorandum That on the afores<sup>d</sup> seventh day of June, Anno. Dni. 1703, Mr. Joseph Scholfield haveing notice of such his Election as afores<sup>d</sup> Did appear at the hous of Mr. Richard Nottingham in Leeds

and haveing first given a note under his hand for Six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence for the use of the Corporacon, payable upon demande to Mr. Joseph Pickersgill, Trear., Did then and there take the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Statute Primo Willi. & Marie instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and afterwards the Oath of an Assistant or Comon Councell man of this Burrough, before James Kitchingman Esq., Major, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith & others, Alderm: Adam Hargrave, Edward Prince, John Hunter, Joseph Briggs, Samuel Iles and others, Assist<sup>ts</sup>.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> on Munday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July In the second year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady Queen Anne of England, &c., Annoq. Dni. 1703.

At this Court did appear James Kitchingman Esq., Major, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, Samuel Hey and Edmund Barker, Aldermen; Adam Hargrave, Marke Broadley, Richard Powell, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Jeremia Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Jeremia Barstow, Mr. Ralph Thoresby, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, Joshua Ibbetson and Samuel Iles, Assistants.

It is Ordered that Mr. Joshua Pickersgill, the present Treasurer for this Corporacon, shall deposit Ten pounds into the hands of Mr. Recorder to be allowed for his pains and to advise with Councell about the By Laws which have been now read in this Court to have their opinions about the same And that Mr. Recorder give an accompt to this Court of his proceedings herein And that Mr. Pickersgill take a Rec<sup>t</sup> upon payment of the same, which shall be allowed upon passing his accompts.

At this Court it is likewise Ordered that Mr. Joshua Pickersgill, present Trear., shall discharge Mr. Edward Beal's Bill for businesse done for this Corporacon out of the moneys which shall first come to his hands for the Corporacon's use next after the moneys ordered to Mr. Recorder (The said Mr. Beal's Bill amounting to Nine pounds) and to take his rec<sup>t</sup> upon payment thereof, which shall be allowed to the said Trear. upon passing his accounts.

Mr. Thomas Peas, a freeman of this Burrough, haveing been formerly elected into the Office or Trust of one of the Assistants of the said Burrough, vizt., At a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for the s<sup>d</sup> Burr. on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November last past, Of w<sup>ch</sup> Election the said Mr. Peas hath had due notice Notwithstanding which the said Mr. Peas hath ever Since absolutely refused to take upon him the said Office or Trust And the said Mr. Peas being sent to by a Speciall messenger from this Court to desire to Speak with him (with intent onely to know his reason why he refused to Stand) The said Mr. Peas hath returned for answer that he is very busy and can not wait upon the Court at this time All which this Court haveing taken into consideracon Have thought fit to impose and do hereby Impose and set a Fine of Twenty pounds upon the s<sup>d</sup> Mr. Peas for his said refusall and contempt The said fine to be paid to the Treasurer for the use of the Corporacon And It is hereby Ordered that the said Treasurer do accordingly demande the same.

At a Court of Major, Aldermen and assistents held at Leeds afores<sup>d</sup> and for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> on Munday the Sixth day of September in the Second year of the Raign of our Soveraign Lady Ann, by the Grace of God of England, &c., Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., Annoq. Dni. 1703.

At this Court did appear James Kitchingman Esq<sup>r</sup>, Major, Thomas Dixon, Willm. Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Dodgson, Willm. Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Gibson and Sam<sup>11</sup> Hey, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Mark Broadley, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, Joshua Piccersgill, Tobias Iles, Jeremiah Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Jeremiah Barstow, Ralph Thoresby, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw, Benjamine Atkinson, Henery Moore, Willm. Cookeson, Joshua Ibbetson, Sam<sup>11</sup> Iles and Joseph Scholfeild, Assis<sup>ts</sup>: The rest made default.

Mr. Henry Moore and Mr. Benjamine Atkinson haveing been formerly respectively Elected into the office or trust of an Assis<sup>t</sup> of this Corporacon and haveing Severally taken upon them the said office or Trust But not yet paid the Sume of six pounds thirteen Shill. & four pence a peice for the use of the said Corporacon upon takeing upon them the said office or Trust as afores<sup>d</sup> although the said Sume of six pound thirteen Shill. and four pence hath been Severall times demanded of each of them. It is therefore ordered by this Court that the said Mr. Henry Moore doe pay to Mr. Joshua Piccersgill, the Trear. of this Corporation, who is to demand the same for the use of the said Corporacon the sume of six pound, thirteen shill. and four pence, and that the said Mr. Benjamine Atkinson do likewise pay to the said Trear. for the use of the said Corporation the sume of 6£ 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>, each to pay before Mich<sup>11</sup>mas day next ensuing the Date of this Order or to be p'ceeded agt. according to Law and that the Comon Clerk of this Burrough do comence & p'secute the Suit as by Councell shall be advised.

Att this Court Mr. Thomas Pease, a freeman of this Corporation, haveing been duely Elected (vizt.) at a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assists held for the said Burrough on Saturday the 28th Day of November last past into the Office or Trust of an Assist<sup>t</sup> of the said Burrough, of which he had noetice and upon his Contempt and refusall to take upon him the sd Office or Trust of an Asistt was fined 20f. at the last Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistts held for the sd Burrough on Munday the twelfth day of July last past, to be paid for the use of the sd Corporacon, which hath not yet been paid It is therefore ordered at this Court that Mr. Joshua Piccersgill, the Trear., do forthwith demand the payment of the sd Twenty pounds of the said Mr. Thomas Pease for the use of the Corporacon and in case he shall refuse to pay the same That he be p'ceeded agt. according to Law and that the Comon Clerke of this Burrough do comence and p'secute an Action against the said Mr. Pease for the said Money as by Councell shall be advised.

At this Court Mr. Abraham Fenton, a freeman of this Corporacon, by a Majority of Votes is Elected and Chosen one of the Assist<sup>ts</sup> or Comon Councellmen of this Corporation in the Room or place of Mr. John Whitehead who resigned, Mr. Thomas Pease haveing been since Elected & refused to Stand in the place of the said Mr. Whitehead,

whereby the said Mr. Pease's Election is void, and it is ordered that the Serj<sup>t</sup> at Mace give noetice to the said Mr. Abram Fenton of his Eleccon to the End he may take upon him the office and pay 6£ 13<sup>8</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> to the Trear. for the use of ye s<sup>d</sup> Corporacon according to Custome and the Orders made.

						No	. votes
Candidates	Mr.	Abr	ahan	n Fen	ton		14
				Hopk	insor	1	13
	Mr.	Wm	Atk	inson			I
					to	t.	28

The following By Laws, Ordinances and Constitutions haveing been deliberately read over at this Court And, nemine contradicente, Agreed to It is Orderd that the same be Entred in this Booke of Major, Aldermen & Assist<sup>ts</sup> and be Standing orders.

Imprimis It is ordered that upon the death or removal of any Major of this Burrough The Aldermen and Assistants of this Burrough for the time being or the greater number of them (within Ten daies at the furthest next after such death or removall and notice thereof by the Comon Serjeant or other proper Officer of this Burrough) shall assemble or meet at the Moothall in Leeds aforesaid or at some other place within the said Burrough And chuse a new Major out of the Aldermen of the said Burrough into the Roome or place of the Major so dying or being removed as aforesaid And that every Alderman so chosen to be Major as aforesaid shall within the Space of Ten daies next after such Election and notice thereof Given to him Accept of and take upon him the said office of Major And in case of neglect or refusal so to do Such Alderman shall within the Space of Ten daies next after such neglect or refusal as aforesaid pay unto the Treasurer of this Corporacon for the time being Any Sum not exceeding One hundred pounds for the use of the said Corporacon to be charged and ascertained by a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants or the Major part of them.

That the Major, Aldermen and Assistants for the time being or the greater number of them shall yearly and every year for ever hereafter On the Feast day of St. Michael the Arch Angel unlesse the same happen to be on a Sunday And then on the day next following Assemble and meet at the Moothall in Leeds aforesaid or at some other place within the said Burrough And then and there chuse and name one other of the Aldermen of the said Burrough to be Major of the Burrough aforesaid for one whole year next following and untill an other shall be chosen and sworne into his place unlesse he shall sooner dye or be removed And that every Alderman so chosen to be Major as aforesaid shall within the space of Ten daies next after such Election and notice thereof to him given Accept of and take upon him the said Office of Major And in case of neglect or refusal so to do such Alderman shall within the Space of Ten daies next after such neglect or refusal as aforesaid pay unto the Treasurer of this Corporacon for the time being any sum not exceeding One hundred pounds for the use of the said Corporacon To be charged and ascertained by a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants or the greater number of them.

Item That upon the death or removall of every or any Alderman or Aldermen of this Burrough The Major, Aldermen and Assistants of the said Burrough for the time being or the greater number of them. whereof the Major to be alwaies one, within One Moneth at the least next after such death or removeall and notice thereof given shall assemble and meet at the Moothall in Leeds aforesaid or at some other place within the Burrough aforesaid And nominate and chuse one or more Alderman or Aldermen out of the Assistants of the said Burrough into the room or place of him or them so dying or being removed as aforesaid And that Every Assistant so chosen to be an Alderman as aforesaid shall within the space of Ten daies next after such Election notice thereof to him being given accept of and take upon him the said Office of Alderman And in case of neglect or refusal so to do such Assistant shall within the space of Ten daies next after such neglect or refusal as aforesaid pay unto the Treasurer of this Corporacon for the time being such Sum of Sums of money for the use of the said Corporacon as the Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants for the time being or the Major part of them shall Assesse and impose, the same not exceeding the Sum of Sixty pounds.

Item upon the death or removeall of every or any Assistant or Assistants of this Burrough the Major, Aldermen and Assistants of this Burrough for the time being or the greater number of them, whereof the Major to be alwaies one, within One moneth at the least next after such death or removeal and notice thereof given shall assemble and meet at the Moothall in Leeds aforesaid or at some other place within the said Burrough and nominate and chuse one or more Assistant or Assistants out of the freemen or Burgesses of the Burrough aforesaid into the room or place of him or them so dying or being removed as aforesaid And that every Freeman or Burgesse so elected to be an Assistant as aforesaid shall within the space of ten daies next after such Election notice thereof to him being given accept of and take upon him the said Office of Assistant and in case of neglect or refusal so to do such freeman or Burgesse shall within the space of Ten daies next after such refusal or neglect as aforesaid pay unto the Treasurer of this Corporacon for the time being such sum or sums of money for the use of the said Corporacon as the Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants for the time being or the major part of them shall Assesse and impose upon him, the same not exceeding the sum of Forty pounds.

Item that every Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants shall consist of the number of Nineteen at the least, whereof the Major for the time being to be alwaies one Which said Court shall be held upon convenient notice to be given from the Major by the Comon Serjeant of this Corporacon or his Deputy And that every Alderman or Assistant that shall neglect or refuse to appear at the said Court without reasonable cause shewed and allowed to the contrary or after appearance shall depart the said Court without Licence of the Major Every Alderman upon every such default and contempt shall forfeit and pay Five shillings and every Assistant Two shillings and six pence To be paid to the Treasurer for the time being for the use of the Corporacon And that no member of the said Corporacon shall in any Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants use any scurrillous or opprobrious Languedge to any other member or members of the said Court or indecently behave him selfe towards any of his fellow members dure-

ing the Siting of the said Court upon the penalty of Five shillings for every offence And it is further Ordered that in all debates and controversies which shall or may at any time hereafter happen to arise or be moved in the said Court relateing to the Election or removeall of any member or members or of any Fines, penalties or forfeitures to be set or imposed or any other matter or thing touching or concerning the good order and Government of this Corporacon in every such case where there shall happen to be an equality of votes The Major for the time being shall alwaies have the casting vote.

Item for the better support of the dignity and defraying the expenses of this Corporacon It is further ordered that every Alderman or Assistant of this Corporacon shall upon his takeing upon him the said Office or Trust respectively pay unto the Treasurer of the said Corporacon for the time being for the use of the said Corporacon The Sum of Six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence And every Alderman or Assistant that hath been elected into the said office or Trust respectively and hath not paid the said sum of Six pounds Thirteen shillings and four pence to the Treasurer for the use of the said Corporacon shall upon demande of the said Treasurer pay unto the said Treasurer for the use of the said Corporacon the said sum of Six pounds Thirteen shillings and four pence respectively.

Item It is ordered that no person that now is or hereafter shall be a Member of this Corporacon shall at any time hereafter without the Licence and consent of the Major, Aldermen and Assistants of this Burrough for the time being or the greater number of them in Court assembled first had and obtained (unlesse in case of old age and infirmity) surrender and resigne his office and place upon pain that every member herein offending being an Alderman shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of the Corporacon for the time being any sum not exceeding forty pounds and not under thirty pounds And an Assistant any sum not exceeding Twenty pounds and not under Fifteen pounds for the use of the said Corporacon To be charged and ascertained by a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants or the Major part of them.

Item It is Ordered that every Alderman of this Burrough shall upon notice given him by the Serjeant at Mace for the said Burrough Attend the Major for the time being in his Gown on such daies and times as the said Major shall appoint And also at every Gen<sup>rll</sup> Quarter Sessions of the peace to be held for this Burrough upon the penalty of Two shillings and Sixpence for every default To be paid to the Treasurer for the time being for the use of the said Corporacon.

Item It is ordered that every Assistant of this Burrough shall on or before the Feast day of St. Michael the Arch Angel next ensuing provide himselfe of a Black gown faced and Trimed with Black velvet or plush and with Long hanging Sleeves upon the penalty of Five pounds for every one offending herein To be paid to the Treasurer for the time being for the use of the said Corporacon And that every of the said Assistants shall upon notice given him as aforesaid Attend the Major for the time being in his Gown on such daies and times as the said Major shall appoint Upon the penalty of Twelve pence for every default To be paid to the Treasurer for the time being for the use of the said Corporacon.

Item It is Ordered that the Treasurer of this Corporacon shall be chosen out of the Assistants of the said Corporation for the keeping, receiving and disbursing such Sum and sums of money as shall come to his hands for the Use and by the appointm<sup>t</sup> and orders of the said Corporacon such Treasurer to be yearly chosen at a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants on Michaelmas day Except the same happen to be on a Sunday And then on the next day following And to continue in the said office or place for the Space of one whole year next after such Election unlesse for misbehavior in his said Office he shall sooner be removed And that every such Treasurer shall enter into a Booke to be kept for that purpose All his receipts and disbursments on the account of the said Corporacon And shall when thereunto required by a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants or the Major part of them render a true and just account of his receipts and disbursments on account of the said Corporacon and pay the Ballance in his hands to the succeeding Treasurer or to such person or persons as the said Court shall think fit and order And it is likewise ordered That no Treasurer for the said Corporacon shall expend or disburse any Sum or Sums of money whatsoever to any person or persons whatsoever for or on account of the said Corporacon without an order of Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants in that behalfe first had and obtained.

It is Ordered that every Artificer, Shopkeep. and Trader what-soever being a freeman or Burgesse of this Burrough that shall take any Apprentice or Apprentices shall enter the name of every such Apprentice with the Town Clarke of this Burrough in a Booke to be kept for that purpose and to pay Six pence for the Entry thereof And shall at the end and expiracon of his terms bring such Apprentice to a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to take his freedome which Apprentice shall pay for registring such freedome the sum of Three shillings and four pence according to the Statute in that case made and provided But that such Apprentice shall pay no further or other sum for his freedome upon penalty for every neglect of such Master Ten shillings to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being for the use of the said Corporacon.

Item If any stranger for the future shall be desireous to purchase his freedome of the said Burrough It shall be upon such termes as the Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants of the said Burrough for the time being shall agree upon, haveing respect to the Trade that he shall exercise within the said Corporation and the benefit and advantage that he may be presumed to reap thereby Such sum not exceeding Sixty pounds to be paid upon his admission to the Treasurer for the time being for the use of the said Corporacon Besides Six pence for the Registering such freedome.

Item It is Ordered that all pains, amerciaments and fines that shall be set and Imposed upon any person or persons whatsoever At any Generall quarter Sessions of the peace or Speciall Sessions of the peace to be held for this Burrough shall be paid to the Major of the said Burrough for the time being To the onely proper use and behoofe of the said Major.

Item It is Ordered that all and every these Laws, ordinances and constituous shall be publickly read in open Court of Major, Aldermen

and Assistants on Michaelmas day next Ensuing and so every year successively on Michaelmas day unlesse the same happen on a Sunday and then the day after To the end that the person or persons concerned may not pretend ignorance thereof And the penalties and forfeitures hereby appointed may be prevented And upon default of publication hereof as aforesaid The present Major and every Successive Major for the time being shall forfeit the sum of Twenty shillings To be paid to the Treasurer for the time being for the use of the said Corporacon.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September Anno. Dni. 1703. Annoq. R. R. Anne, Dei gratia nunc Anglie, &c., Scdo.

At this Court did appear James Kitchingman, Major, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Preston, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree & Samuel Hey, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, John Hunter, Josha Pickersgill, Mr. Ralph Thoresby, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, Henry Moore, William Cookson, junr., Benjamin Killingbeck and Joseph Scholefield, Assistants. The rest made Default.

At this Court Mr. Joshua Pickersgill is unanimously chosen to Continue in the Office or Trust of Trear. of this Corporacon for the year Ensuing.

At this Court Mr. Alderman Hey is unanimously chosen to succeed the present Major in that Office or Trust for the year Ensuing.

Memorand. Mr. Thomas Peas haveing been fined Twenty pounds for refusing to stand and take upon him the office or Trust of an Assistant of this Corporacon in the room and stead of Mr. John Whitehead And the said Mr. Peas haveing appeared and paid in the said Twenty pounds and submitted himselfe to this Court The said Court have thought fit to order And it is hereby ordered That Ten pounds, part of the said Twenty pounds (so paid as aforesd.), be given back to the said Mr. Peas, Which said Ten pounds hath accordingly been returned to him again in Court by Mr. Joshua Pickersgill, Trear., who rece the sd. Fine for the Corporacon's use.

Memorandum That Mr. Abraham Fenton (Elected the last court into the Office or Trust of an Assistant of this Corporacon And haveing promist to pay Six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence on demand to the present Trear. for the use of the Corporacon) Did on the aforesaid 29<sup>th</sup> day of September at the hous of Mr. Richard Nottingham in Leeds Take the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Statute primo Willi. & Marie instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy And afterwards the Oath of an Assistant or Comon Councell man of this Burrough Before James Kitchingman, Major, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith and others, Alderm: John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Mr. Ralph Thoresby, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs and others, Assistants.

## 1704

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid on Munday the 22<sup>d</sup> day of May Anno. Dni. 1704. Annoq. R. R<sup>e</sup> Anne, Dei gratia nunc Anglie, &c., Tertio.

At this Court did appear Samuel Hey, Major, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, James Kitchingman and Edmond Barker, Aldermen, Richard Powell, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Tobias Iles, Thomas Lodge, Mr. Ralph Thoresby, James Dawson, John Kirshaw, Henry Moore, William Cookson, jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Scholefield, Assistants. The rest made default.

At this Court Mr. John Hodgson, a freeman of this Burrough, is by a majority of votes chosen into the office or Trust of one of the Assistants or Comon Councell Men of this Burrough in the room of Mr. Benjamin Killingbeck, late one of the s<sup>d</sup> Assistants, who is gon to live out of the Burrough, whereby his place vacant And it is Ordered that the Comon Serj<sup>t</sup> of this Burrough shall give notice to the said Mr. Hodgson of his election as afores<sup>d</sup> And to appear at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants for the Burrough aforesaid (whereof he shall have notice) Then and there to take upon him the said office and to pay Six pounds Thirteen shillings and four pence upon demande to the Trear. of the Corporacon for the use of the said Corporacon pursuant to the Orders made or some of them.

Candidates  $\begin{cases} Mr. \text{ John Hodgson} & \text{II} \\ Mr. \text{ Rich}^d \text{ Hopkinson} & \text{Io} \\ Mr. \text{ Tho. Iles} & \text{I} \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ &$ 

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno. Dni. 1704, Annoq. R. Re. Anne, Dei gratia nunc. Anglie, &c., Tertio.

At this Court did appear Samuel Hey, Major, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Kitchingman, John Dodgson, William Milner and John Rontree, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, John Kitchingman, Marke Broadley, Richard Powell, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Tobias Iles, Jeremia Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Jeremia Barstow, Ralph Thoresby, Henry Moore, William Cookson, jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Iles and Joseph Scholfield, Assistants: the rest made default.

Upon hearing the debate amongst the Company of Taylors within this Burrough about the Election of a new Master of the said Company (The time of electing pursuant to their orders being Lapsed) This Court haveing taken the same into Consideracon Have thought fit to order And do hereby Order that William Wells, present Master of the said Company, shall Continue in the said Office or Trust untill Thursday in Easter-week next coming And that upon his returning the names of three persons of the said Company for a new Master to be chosen out of (according to usual Custome) the said William Wells do not returne George Green, William Simpson and Benjamin Murgatroyd or any of them But that he returne three other persons of the said Company to chuse a Master out of.

Ordered that the Inspecting of the proceedings in the suit of the Corporacon against Mr. Benjamin Atkinson and Mr. Henry Moore (two of the Assistants, for refusing to pay the sum of Six pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence a piece for the use of the Corporacon upon

their respective Elections) be referred and is hereby referred to the present Mr. Major, Alderman Dixon, Alderman Rooke, Alderman Thomas Kitchingman, Alderman Dodgson, Alderman Milner and Alderman Rontree And to Mr. Ralph Thoresby, Mr. William Cookson, jun<sup>r</sup>, Mr. Richard Powell, Mr. Joshua Pickersgill, Mr. Jeremia Dixon and Mr. Tobias Iles, Assistants, or the major part of the said Major, Aldermen and Assistants (whereof the Major to be one) who are to inspect the said proceedings within one month next after the makeing of this Order and to make their report thereof at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to be held for this Burrough.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for the Burrough aforesaid on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1704 Annoq. R. Re. Anne, Dei gratia nunc. Anglie, &c., Tertio.

At this Court did appear Samuel Hey, Major, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Dodgson, William Milner, John Rontree, John Gibson, James Kitchingman and Edmund Barker, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, Joshua Pickersgill, Tobias Iles, Jeremia Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Ralph Thoresby, William Cookson, jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Iles, Joseph Scholfield and Abraham Fenton, Assistants. The rest made Default.

Upon the Report of Mr. Major, Mr. Alderma Rooke, Mr. Alderman Thomas Kitchingman, Mr. Alderman Dodgson, Mr. Alderma Milner, Mr. Alderma Rontree, Mr. Ralph Thoresby, Mr. William Cookson, jun<sup>r</sup>, Mr. Richard Powell and Mr. Tobias Iles (being the Major part of the Comee to whome the inspecting the proceedings in the Suit of the Corporacon against Mr. Benjamine Atkinson and Mr. Henry Moore was referred) That there has been no neglect in the said proceedings It is therefore Ordered that the said suit be renewed again against the said Mess<sup>rs</sup> Atkinson and Moore And that the Town Clarke shall prossecute the same w<sup>th</sup> the advice of the Recorder and Mr. Thornton And that Mr. Serj<sup>t</sup> Agur's opinion shall be had in this matter And to be Employ<sup>d</sup> in drawing the Declaracons And an Indictment if advised to proceed.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> on Fryday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1704 Annoq. R. Re. Anne, Dei gratia nunc. Anglie, &c., Tertio.

At this Court did appear Samuel Hey, Major, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, John Gibson, James Kitchingman and Edmund Barker, Aldermen, Adam Hargrave, Marke Broadley, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Jeremia Dixon, Ralph Thoresby, William Cookson, jun<sup>r</sup>, and Samuel Iles, Assistants. The rest made Default.

At this Court it is Agreed and ordered that Mr. Joshua Pickersgill (present Treasurer of this Corporacon) shall continue in the said Office or Trust of Trear. for the year next Ensuing.

At this Court Mr. Alderm<sup>a</sup> Edmund Barker is unanimously chosen to succeed the present Major in the said Office or Trust for the year next Ensuing.

Ordered that the Inspecting of Mr. Nottingham's, Mrs. Blaick's, Mr. Adam's and other Accompts. of Debts owing from the Corporacon be referred and is hereby referred to the Major for the time being, Mr. Alderman Dixon, Mr. Alderma Rooke, Mr. Alderma Dodgson, Mr. Alderma Askwith, Mr. Ralph Thoresby, Mr. William Cookson, junr, Mr. Jeremia Dixon, Mr. Thomas Lodge & Mr. Joshua Pickersgill, Assistants, or the Major part of them, Whereof the Major for the time being to be one, Who are desired to take the same on or before the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October next at the Moothall in Leeds at two of the clock in the afternoon And to make their report thereof At the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants.

Mr. John Hodgson (formerly elected Assistant or Comon Councell man of this Burrough in the Room & place of Mr. Benjamin Killingbeck who is gon to live out of the Corporacon) Haveing sent a very respectfull Letter to Mr. Major wth his reasons desireing to be excused from takeing upon him the said Office or Trust And haveing thereby Intimated his willingnesse to submit to such reasonable fine as this Court shall Impose upon him for not Standing Which this Court haveing taken into consideracon Have thought fit to set a fine of Twenty pounds upon the said Mr. John Hodgson, wth he is hereby ordered to pay to the Treasurer upon demande for the use of this Corporacon And it is further ordered that if the said Mr. Hodgson do pay the said Twenty pounds to the Trear. as aforesaid the said Treasurer shall give him back Ten pounds thereof, wth shall be allowed to the said Trear. upon passing his Accompts.

# 1705

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1704[5] Annoq. R. Re. Anne, Dei gratia nunc. Anglie, &c., Tertio.

At this Court did appear Edmund Barker, Major, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, James Kitchingman and Samuel Hey, Alderm: Richard Powell, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Thomas Lodge, Jeremia Barstow, Ralph Thoresby, James Dawson, John Kirshaw and Abraham Fenton, Assistants. The rest made default.

At this Court Mr. William Calverley of Leeds within this Burrough is Chosen by Majority of Votes to succeed Mr. Benjamin Killingbeck in the Office or Trust of an Assistant for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> (Mr. John Hodgson haveing paid his fine for not standing according to his Eleccon) And it is hereby ordered that the said Mr. William Calverley do appear at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants to be held at Leeds for the said Burrough (whereof the Serj<sup>t</sup> at Mace shall give him notice), then and there to take upon him the said Office and to pay Six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to the Trear. for the use of the Corporacon as usual, pursuant to the order in that case made.

Ordered that Mr. Thomas Moore (one of the Assistants of this Corporacon) be sumoned by the Serj<sup>t</sup> at Mace to appear at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants for this Burrough (whereof due notice shall be given) to shew cause why an other person shall not be

chosen to succeed him the said Thomas Moore in the said Office or Trust, he haveing not appeared at any Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants for the said Burrough since the Six and twentieth day of July Anno Dni. 1701 Although duly sumoned.

Whereas at this Court Edmund Barker, Major, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, Henry Iveson, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, James Kitchingman and Samuel Hey, Aldermen, have agreed to advance the sum of five pounds a piece towards the discharging of the debts due from the Corporacon to Mr. Padgett Owen, Mr. Richard Nottingham, Mr. Henry Adam and others It is therefore order<sup>d</sup> and agreed that the said severall sums shall be respectively paid back to the said Major and Aldermen out of the first moneys that shall become due and be paid to the Corporacon's use.

Ordered that the Ten pounds in Mr. Pickersgill the Treasurer's hands Rec<sup>d</sup> of Mr. John Hodgson for not standing Assistant be paid to Mr. Henry Adam towards charges of Suit And that the s<sup>d</sup> Mr. Pickersgill take a Rec<sup>t</sup> for the same, w<sup>ch</sup> shall be allowed upon account.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assist<sup>s</sup> held at Leeds for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> on Thursday the fourteenth day of June, Ano. Dni. 1705, Annoq. R. Re. Anne, Dei gratia nunc. Anglie, &c., Quarto.

At this Court did appear Edmund Barker, Major, William Rooke, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, John Gibson, James Kitchingman and Samuel Hey, Aldermen, John Kitchingman, Richard Powell, Thomas Moore, John Hunter, Thomas Lodge, Jeremia Barstow, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw, William Cookson, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Iles and Joseph Scholfield, Assistants. The rest made Default.

Whereas at the last Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for this Burrough Mr. William Calverley, one of the Burgesses of the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup>, was duly elected an Assistant of the said Burrough in the room of Mr. Benjamin Killingbeck And the said Mr. Calverley haveing sent a respectfull Letter to the Major, Aldermen and Assistants assembled wherein he hath submitted him selfe to the Judgment of this Court for the Imposing of a fine upon him for not standing, which this Court haveing taken into consideracon Have proceeded to a fine and set the same at Twenty pounds And it is ordered that the said Mr. William Calverley do upon demande pay the said sum of Twenty pounds unto Mr. Joshua Pickersgill, the Treasurer, for the use of this Corporacon, he giving a receipt for the same.

At this Court Mr. Robert Hetherington of Holbeck, one of the Burgesses of this Burrough, is by majority of Votes chosen into the Office or Trust of one of the Assistants or Comon councell men of the Burrough aforesaid In the room of Mr. Benjamin Killingbeck, late one of the Assistants of the said Burrough (Mr. John Hodgson haveing paid his fine And Mr. Willia. Calverley haveing submitted to a fine weh this Court hath set for refusing to stand) And it is ordered that the Serjt at Mace of this Burrough do forthwith give notice to the said Mr. Hetherington of his Eleccon as afores And to appear at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants for the Burrough afores (whereof he shall have notice) Then and there to take upon him the

said office and to pay Six pounds Thirteen shillings and four pence upon demande to the Treasurer for the use of the said Corporacon pursuant to an order for that purpose.

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held at Leeds for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> on Saturday the seventh day of July, Anno. Dni. 1705, Annoq. R. Re. Anne, Dei gratia nunc. Anglie, &c., Quarto.

At this Court did appear Edmund Barker Esq., Major, Thomas Dixon, William Rooke, Thomas Kitchingman, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree and Samuel Hey, Aldermen, John Kitchingman, Marke Broadley, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, Joshua Pickersgill, Tobias Iles, Jeremia Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw and Samuel Iles, Assist<sup>ts</sup>. The rest made Default.

Whereas at the last Court of Major, Aldermen and Assists. for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> Mr. Robert Hetherington of Holbeck within this Burrough was duly elected into the Office or Trust of an Assistant of the said Burrough Instead of Mr. Benjamin Killingbeck gon out of the Burrough And the said Mr. Hetherington haveing appeared at this Court and Desired to be Excused from takeing the said Office But the Court upon Deliberacon not admitting of the Excuse offered to be sufficient The said Mr. Hetherington upon being acquainted therewith hath submitted to pay a Fine w<sup>ch</sup> this Court hath proceeded upon and set at Twenty pounds And it is ordered that the said Mr. Robert Hetherington shall within the Space of Ten days next Ensuing pay the said sum of Twenty pounds unto Mr. Joshua Pickersgill, present Trear. of this Corporacon, for the use of the said Corporacon pursuant to an order or By Law in that case made And the said Mr. Pickersgill's Rec<sup>t</sup> shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

Ordered that the inspecting of the proceedings in the Accons. comenced by the Corporacon against Mr. Benjamin Atkinson and Mr. Henry Moore be referred to Mr. Major, Mr. Alderman Iveson and Mr. William Cookson, Junr., And they to give such further directons as shall be requisit for the carrying on and managemt. of the Tryalls And it is further ordered that (for the better carrying on and managemt. of the said suits and Tryalls) Mr. Joshua Pickersgill, the present Trear. for the Corporacon, shall for that purpose pay unto the said Mr. Major, Mr. Iveson and Mr. Cookson or order such sum or sums of money not exceeding Thirty pounds in the whole as he now hath in or hereafter shall come to his hands for the Corporacon's use before the one and twentieth day of this Instant July, to be Employed as afores<sup>d</sup> and accounted for by the said Managers to the Corporacon.

At this Court Mr. Tobias Lambert of Leeds, Linen-draper, is by a majority of Votes elected an Assistant or Comon Councell man of this Burrough in the room of Mr. Benjamin Killingbeck (Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Calverley haveing paid their fines for not standing) And it is ordered that the Serj<sup>t</sup> at Mace give notice of this Eleccon to the said Mr. Lambert And that he appear at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants (whereof he shall have notice) to take upon him the said Office And to pay Six pounds Thirteen shillings and four pence to the Trear. for the use of this Corporacon as usual, pursuant to the order in that case made.

Mem. the same day (The said Mr. Lambert being sent for to Mr. Westropp Laycock's and acquainted w<sup>th</sup> his said Eleccon) Did take the usual Oaths and Oath of Office of an Assistant of this Corporacon before Mr. Major, Mr. Alderman Dixon, Mr. Alderman Thomas Kitchingman, Mr. Alderman Dodgson, Mr. Alderman Milner and Mr. Alderma Askwith And before Mr. Edward Prince, Mr. Joshua Pickersgill, Mr. Tobias Iles, Mr. Thomas Lodge, Mr. Joseph Briggs and Mr. John Kirshaw, Assist<sup>ts</sup>.

**The Court** of Major, Aldermen and Assist<sup>ts</sup> held at Leeds for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> on Saturday the 21<sup>th</sup> day of July, Anno. Dni. 1705, Annoq. R. Re. Anne, Dei gratia nunc. Anglie, &c., Quarto.

At this Court did appear Edmund Barker Esq., Major, William Rooke, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Gibson and James Kitchingman, Aldermen, Marke Broadley, Richard Powell, Edward Prince, John Hunter, Joshua Pickersgill, Tobias Iles, Jeremia Dixon, Thomas Lodge, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, John Kirshaw, Benjamin Atkinson, Henry Moore, William Cookson, junr., Samuel Iles and Tobias Lambert, Assistants: The rest made Default.

At this Court Mr. Robert Hetherington haveing appeared But not being willing to stand Assistant according to Eleccon Hath deposited Twenty pounds for his fine set at the Last Court Which this Court haveing put to the vote Whether he shall have anything returned again of the said sum It past by majority of Votes that he shall have nothing returned And accordingly the Treasurer received the said sum of Twenty pounds for the use of the Corporacon.

Mem. Mr. Benjamin Atkinson did at the same Court viva voce vote That Mr. Hetherington should have all the fine return<sup>d</sup> to him again.

At this Court (Mr. William Cookson jun<sup>r</sup> and Mr. Benjamin Atkinson being gon out) Mr. Thomas Cornforth, Mace bearer of this Burrough, did present an Instrument under his hand and seal purporting a Resignacon of his said Office and of his freedome<sup>1</sup> Which being read This Court hath thought fit to accept of And it is ordered that the same be Entred in forme in this Booke as usual, The Tenor whereof doth follow in these words—viz<sup>t</sup>.

"To All whome it may concerne I, Thomas Cornforth of Leeds, Gent., being a freeman, Burgesse & Mace bearer of the Burrough of Leeds afores<sup>d</sup> Do hereby surrender and resigne unto the Major, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> my place, Office or Trust of a freeman, Burgesse and Mace bearer of the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> And Likewise do release unto the said Major, Aldermen and Burgesses and to their successors All my freedome, right, priviledge and advantage whatsoever which I can, may or might have by being a freeman, Burgesse and Mace bearer of the said Burrough In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the One and twentieth day of July, Anno. Dni: 1705.

Sealed and Delivered (being first stampt) in the presence of

Rich. Thompson
Will. Brookesbancke ''
H. Adam [signed]

Tho: Cornforth X

At this Court (Mr. William Cookson jun<sup>r</sup> and Mr. Benjamin Atkinson being gon out) Mr. Joshua Pickersgill, one of the freemen and Assistants and Treasurer of this Burrough, Did Likewise present an Instrument under his hand and seal purporting a Resignacon of his said Office or Trust and releas of his freedome Which being read This Court hath thought fit to accept of And hath ordered the same to be Entred in this Booke as usuall The Tenor whereof doth follow in these words, vizt:

"To all whome it may concerne I, Joshua Pickersgill, a freeman and Assistant of the Burrough of Leeds in the County of Yorke, Do hereby surrender and resigne unto the Major, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Burrough aforesaid and to their successors my Place, Office or Trust of an Assistant or Comon Councellman of the Burrough aforesa And do likewise Releas unto the said Major, Aldermen and Burgesses and their successors all my freedome, right, priviledge and advantage whatsoever wen I can, may or might have by being an Assistant, freeman or Burgesse of the Burrough aforesa In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the One and twentieth day of July, Anno. Dni: 1705.

Sealed and Delivered (being first Stampt.) in the presence of Rich: Thompson

Will: Brookesbancke''
H. Adam [signed]

Joshua Pickersgill X

The Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held at Leeds for the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup> on Saturday the fourth day of August, Anno. Dni: 1705, Annoq. R. R<sup>e</sup> Anne, Dei gratia nunc. Anglie, &c., Quarto.

At this Court did appear Edmund Barker Esq., Major, William Rooke, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith, James Kitchingman and Samuel Hey, Aldermen, Marke Broadley, Richard Powell, Thomas Moore, John Hunter, Tobias Iles, Jeremia Dixon, Thomas Lodge, Ralph Thoresby, James Dawson, Joseph Briggs, Benjamin Atkinson, William Cookson, junr., Samuel Iles, Joseph Scholfield, Abraham Fenton and Tobias Lambert, Assistants. The rest made Default.

At this Court Mr. Joshua Pickersgill (who at the last Court Resigned his office or Trust of an Assistant of this Burrough) is again unanimously chosen into the s<sup>d</sup> office or Trust And to be in the same place and Stacon as he was before the said resignacon Of w<sup>ch</sup> Eleccon the Serg<sup>t</sup> at Mace is to give him notice And to appear at the next Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants for this Burrough (whereof he shall have notice) Then and there to take upon him the said office or Trust And to pay Six pounds, Thirteen shillings and four pence for the use of the Corporacon according to order.

At this Court John Dodgson, jun<sup>r</sup>, of Leeds, Merch<sup>t</sup>, is by Majority of votes chosen into the office or Trust of an Assistant of this Burrough in the room or place of Mr. Adam Hargrave late dec<sup>d</sup> Of wch.

Eleccon the Serj<sup>t</sup> at Mace is to give the said Mr. Dodgson notice And to appear at the next Court of Major, Alderm: and Assistants for this Burrough (whereof he shall have notice) To take upon him the said Office or Trust And to pay Six pounds, Thirteen shillings and four pence to the Trear. for the use of the Corporacon according to order.

Candidates	John Dodgson, jun <sup>r</sup> , Merch <sup>t</sup>	13
	Mr. Michael Cottam	9
	Mr. W <sup>m</sup> Barstow	I
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Whereas by an Order or Bylaw made at a Court of Major, Aldermen and Assistants held for this Burrough on the Sixth day of September in the second year of her now Majties Raign every Assistant of this Burrough was ordered to provide himselfe of a Black gown faced and Trimd with black velvett or plush and wth Long Hanging Sleeves before the feast day of St. Michaell the Arch Angell then next Ensuing upon the penalty of five pounds for every one offending therein To be paid to the Trear, for the time being for the use of the said Corporacon And that the said Assistants on notice should Attend the Major for the time being in their gowns as in the said order is menconed on a penalty of Twelve pence for every default as by the said order more plainly may appear But for as the said order or Bylaw would onely oblige the then Assistants of the said Burrough It is therefore Ordered at this Court That every Assistant of this Burrough who hath been chosen into the said Office or Trust since the said Sixth day of September as afores<sup>d</sup> (And hath not already provided himselfe of such a gown as in the said order and herein before is menconed) Shall within fourteen days next and imediately after notice of this order to him given provide him selfe of such a Gown And that every person who shall hereafter be chosen an Assistant of this Burrough and shall take upon him the said Office or Trust shall within fourteen days next after takeing upon him the s<sup>d</sup> Office (Notice hereof being given) provide himselfe of such Gown as afores<sup>d</sup> upon the like penalty of five pounds for each Assistant chosen since the sd. Sixth of September or weh hereafter shall be chosen and take upon him the said Office as aforesaid And that every such Assistant shall upon notice given by the Serit at Mace of the said Burrough Attend the Major for the time being in his Gown on such daies and times as the said Major shall appoint upon the penalty of Twelve pence for every default To be paid to the Trear, for the time being for the use of the said Corporacon.

Mem. on the afores<sup>d</sup> Fourth day of August Mr. Thomas Cornforth (who at the last Court of Major, Alderm: and Assistants for this Burrough Resigned his freedome and Office or Trust of Mace bearer of the Burrough afores<sup>d</sup>) is again unanimously Re-elected into the said Office or Trust by the afores<sup>d</sup> Edmund Barker, Major, William Rooke, John Dodgson, William Milner, Caleb Askwith, James Kitchingman and Samuel Hey, Aldermen, who were mett on account of the Court afores<sup>d</sup>. And be it further remembred That on Tuesday the Seventh day of the afores<sup>d</sup> August in the Evening The said Thomas Cornforth was duly sworne to Execute the afores<sup>d</sup> Office or Trust of Serj<sup>t</sup> at Mace of this Burrough before the afores<sup>d</sup> Major and Mr. Alderm<sup>a</sup> Askwith.

Memorandum On the Twenty seventh day of September, Anno. Dni: 1705, Mr. John Dodgson, who at the last Court was chosen one of the Assistants of this Burrough in the room of Mr. Adam Hargrave, Decd, Did at his own hous first take the usual oaths appointed to be taken by the statute Primo Willi: et Marie instead of the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and afterwards the oath of office of an Assistant Before Edmund Barker Esq., Major, Jasper Blythman Esq., Recorder, William Rooke, John Dodgson, sen, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree and John Gibson, Aldermen, Marke Broadley, Richard Powell, John Hunter, Thomas Lodge, Ralph Thoresby and Samuel Iles, Assistants, And paid the usual sum of Six pounds Thirteen shillings and four pence To Mr. Alderma Rooke abovenamed for the use of the Corporacon, There being no Treasurer chosen.

[This ends the Court Book proper. The remainder of the volume is occupied by the Return of the number of hearths, dated 14th July 1663, and copies of the various Oaths of Allegiance, etc.]

### APPENDIX I.

# DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF THE CHARTER OF CHARLES II.

(Transcribed from the originals in the Public Record Office, London.)

[Undated.]

#### The Petition of Divers Inhabitants of Leeds.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIE The humble petition of Benjamin Wade, late Alderman of Leeds, William Marshall, Abraham Hinchcliffe, William Curtis and Michaell Hutchinson, assistants to the late aldermen of Leeds, and many others of the wealthiest and best affected merchants and inhabitants in the town and parish of Leeds in ye Countie of Yorke.

SHEWETH: That whereas during the late unhappye Warrs ye enemies of yr Majestie's Royal Father of blessed memory being prevalent in ye Countie of Yorke and ye northerne parts did forcibly seclude all the honest and loyall party of yor Majestie's subjects then in power and authority within the Corporacion of Leeds and unduly, contrary to their Charter, did elect others in their places without respect had to any other qualification in the person than their assertion to the usurped powers, by which means there hath been a succession of magistrates illiterate: ill-affected to yor Majestie and of meane rank, to ye disparagement of the towne, ye disadvantage of trade, ye discouragement of all wealthy and honest inhabitants, who have been long scourged by mean unskilful government

YOR PETITIONERS HUMBLY PRAY: That yor Majestie would be graciously pleased to take into yor Consideration ye great consequences of having a sober, sufficient and well disposed Magistracie in yor said Corporacion of Leeds where there is so considerable a trade and such number of yor Majestie's people inhabiting, and that yor Majestie would please to take order that there may be due examination of the present ellection of Aldermen according to their Charter and that none may be continued in authority but such as are so elected or if yor Majestie shall think more fitt, which yor Petitioners most humbly prayeth, that yor Majestie would be graciously pleased to confirm the grant of yor Majestie's Royall Father of blessed memory made at Nottingham in ye year 1642 by which His Majestie was graciously pleased to change the Government of ye said Towne from ten Aldermen to a Mayor and twelve Aldermen, and in such case Yor Majestie may establish the said Corporacion in such a manner, and place such persons in authority as to Yor Majestie shall seem most fitt for Yor Majestie's service and the good of the aforesaid Corporacion which is the only end and designe of yor Petitioners.

WHO SHALL ALWAYS AS IN DUTY BOUND PRAY.

AT YE COURT OF WHITEHALL ye 17th of January 1660. His Majestie is graciously pleased to refer this Petition to Sir Jeffery Chaloner, Knt., his Majestie's Attorney General to consider thereof as to the granting of a new Charter and to certify His Majestie what he conceives fitt to be done therein and then His Majestie will declare his further pleasure.

| Signed | EDW. WITTON.

## 25 JANUARY 1660.

MAY IT PLEASE YOR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIE In obedience to yor Majestie's referrence I have perused the Petition and conceive it convenient for Yor Majestie's service and for the well government of the inhabitants of the towne and parish of Leeds and ye improvement of trade there that Yor Majestie would be graciously pleased to grant a Charter for making a new Corporacion there according to the tenor of the Petition, there appearing to me good cause to conclude ye former Charter void in Law. And the petitioners undertaking either to procure a Surrender thereof or cause it to be avoided by Law at their own charge.

[Signed] G. PALMER.

25 JAN: 1660.

(The above is written on parchment, II] ins. by 9 ins., folded in four across the width, with one quarter very soiled and nearly illegible. Annexed to the foregoing is the following:—)

WE whose names are subscribed do humbly recommend ye Petition of ye towne and Parish of Leeds to be presented to His Majestie as concerning ye matter contained in it not only trew, but just and necessary for ye good government of ye said towne, being an eminant corporacion and the incouraging of such as have within ye said corporacion been faithful to His Majestie's cause and eminent sufferers for it.

Mar. Langdale.

S. Farse.

John Goodricke.

John Armitage.

William Lowther.

Thos. Beau-mont.

Ca-hson.

H. M. Wortley.

Jo. Kaye.

Jo. Dawnay.

T. Osborne.

R. I. Sanirien.

## Petition submitted by Non-Royalist Party in Leeds.

[Undated.]

THAT this parish being a place of great tradeinge and very populous, for better good it was by your Royal father in the second year of his raigne upon the desires and advise of his faithful servant Lord John Savile, incorporated.

THAT diverse attempts hath been and by ways taken to over throw this Charter but proved abortive: the said Charter under the Great Seal was embezled in the time of the late Warrs but we have it exemplified from the Record there be now certain men up against this Government to endeavour to out us and to bring in themselves and to have petitioned yor Majestie that this Charter so granted by your father might be nulled, and have given information both to yor Majestie and to divers gentlemen in the county as we are informed the way and designes to have it done to avoid which fraud and deceit to yor Majestie and as yor Majesties most loyal subjects we are necessitated to inform yor Majestie of such undue proceedings which tendereth to the destroying of our Charter contrary to several statements in that case made and that we disagree to and dislike such indirect proceedings and disclaime any desires of ours to surrender or vacuate our Charter so graunted by yor Royal Father and what is done in that way is wholly without our privity and consent: And to prevent the evil intents of such indirect wayes

WE HUMBLY PRAY YOUR MAJESTIE to give command that our said Charter be not any way cancelled nor further proceedings be upon any concessions thus deceitfully obtained from yor Majestie until we be heard and our defence made.

AND AS IN ALL DUTY BOUND WE SHALL DAILY PRAY for yor Majesties long and prosperous raigne.

Leeds Elects no members to sitt in Parliament.

[Signed]

Mansfield Hessell
Jabez Bentley
Wm Smythson
Geo Jackson
Ro. Washington
James Ibbotson
Edm. Hynd
Jo Kent
Tho. Walker
Ro. Pickeringe

Jo Thoresby
Tho. Cowling
Paul Thoresby (Ald)
Jo Clayton (Recorder)
Jo Dawson
Martin Iles
Ja. Moxon
Wm Stable
Hen. Roundell
Wm Fenton

#### [Undated.]

HIS MAJESTIE is graciously pleased to refer this Petition to his Councell learned in the Law or any two of them who are to examine the contents of the same and haveinge considered thereof to certify their opinion to His Majestie what they think fitt to be done thereupon and in the meantime all proceedings in the cause to be stopped till ye persons concerned be heard.

[Signed] WILL MORRICE.

## I January 1661.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIE: In obedience to yor Majesties reference we have perused the Petition of certain inhabitants of the towne of Leedes in the County of Yorke stiling themselves by the names of Aldermen and Burgesses of Leeds, and also another Petition formerly presented to your Majestie by the only surviving Chief Burgess and four of the assistants, being the major part of the survivors of the old Corporacion and divers other of the merchants and inhabitants of the said towne, and having fully heard the allegations of both parties concerning that Corporacion we finde that in the yeare 1643 the then Aldermen and greater number of principall burgesses and assistants of the town of Leedes being persons adhering to your Majesties Royal Father of ever blessed memory were

by the then prevayling power forced from the exercise of their respective places and offices in the Government of the said towne and that from the yeare 1643 untill the year 1646 there was no exercise of the Government according to their Charter. We further finde that in the yeare 1646 and severall years since severall persons within the said towne have by intrusion acted, some as Burgesses, others as assistants, without any legal election, and that of those persons of the old Corporacion duly elected there are only one Burgess and eight assistants living which are not a number sufficient according to their Charter to act in the said Corporacion so that the said Charter is for defect of due Elections and of a due number to execute the powers thereby givin, become ineffectual.

And we hereby conceive it would be convenient for your Majestie's service, the well government of the inhabitants of the town and Parish of Leedes, and the improvement of trade there, if your Majestie would graciously be pleased to grant a new Charter for making a new Corporacion there, according to the tenor of the former Petition, and your Majestie's warrant thereupon, reserving to Yourself the first nomination of the member of the said Corporacion and other principall officers.

ALL which we humbly submit to yor Majestie's great judgment.

[Signed] G. PALMER.

I JANUARY 1661.

W. WYLDE.

20 AUGUST 1661.

#### Leeds Charter.

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that you forthwith prepare a Bill for Our Royal Signature to passe the Great Seal conveying our grant of a charter for the incorporating of the merchants and inhabitants of our town and Parish of Leeds in our County of Yorke by the name of Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Leeds in the Countie of Yorke, with all liberties, powers, privileges, jurisdictions and advantages formerly granted unto them by Charter of our Royal Father of Blessed Memory, now become void, with the explanations, additions and alterations mentioned in the paper hereunto annexed, and in the said grant you are to insert the names of the severall and respective persons conteyned in the other paper annexed, whom (according to the liberty we have reserved to ourselfe herein) we have accepted and approved for the first and present members and officers of that Corporation, for which this shall be your Warrant.

GIVEN at our Court at Whitehall the 20th day of August in the thirteenth year of our raigne.

To our Attorney or Solliciter-Generall.

(The annexed papers above referred to.) .

[Undated.]

I. To be incorporated by the name of Major Aldermen and Burgesses viz: The Major, twelve aldermen and twenty-four assistants, members.

- 2. Power to elect a new Major yearly at Michaelmas and aldermen and assistants as occasion, and if chosen refuse, to find them and choose new.
- 3. A common Councell to consist of Major, Aldermen and assistants who are impowered to make lawes and dispose of the lands and goods of the Corporacion.
- 4. When making laws for clothing to summon fourty of the discreetest Clothiers who with the Major, Aldermen and Assistants are to be a common assembly and such laws as by them shall be agreed and approved by the major voice to stand and be binding.
- 5. A present Towne Clerke named and the King to choose Recorder and Towne Clerke for the future.
- 6. Major, Recorder, Deputy Recorder and Aldermen to be Justices of the Peace in their lymits.
- 7. Power to keep Sessions quarterly within the Borough with Power to summon juries and witnesses.
- 8. Major and common Councell to impose moderate fines on defalters and offenders and levy them to the use of the Corporacion.
- 9. Power to make two Sergeants at Mace and remove them at pleasure.
- ro. The Major to have the casting voice in all elections where the voices are equal.
- 11. No law, Order, Election &c, to be binding unless by 19 at least, whereof the Major and four Aldermen at least to be part.
- 12. All fishmongers and victuallers within the Borough to be under the Rule of the Major.
- 13. Power to raise money in case of necessity for the maintenance and preservation of the Corporacion by taxing the inhabitants and to levy it by distresse &c.
- 14. Confirmation of liberties and lands formerly granted them.
- 15. Proviso not to prejudice any Lord of a Manor having right within the Corporacion.
- 16. The present Major and Justices of the Peace to be sworn by Sir Richard Tankerd Knt, Henry Arthington and William Lowther Esq: or any one of them, and other members and officers by the Major or in his absence by two aldermen.

Major: Thomas Danby Esq

Aldermen: John Hopton Esq: Francis Allanson

Benjamin Wade Christopher Watkinson

William Marshall Senr:
Henry Skelton
John Metcalfe
Daniel Foxcrofte

John Dawson
Edward Atkinson
Godfrey Lawson
Marmaduke Hicke

[All described as gentlemen]

Recorder: Francis White Esq Town Clerke George Banister Sergeants

Common Councell

Henry Conyers

William Curtis Richard Armitage John Killingbecke Bryan Kitchingman Nicholas Lister

William Bussfield Samuel Child Robert Pickeringe

John Hodgson

Henry Rhodes Gilbert Cowper John Barker William Richardson

John Simson
Henry Michell
George Marshall
William Fenton
Henry Walker
Lancelot Iveson
James Netherwood
Richard Midgley
Adam Hargrave

Charles Holdsworth William Foster William Milner

[All described as gentlemen]

WE whose names are hereunto subscribed do know and are certainly informed that the persons above mentioned were faithfull subjects to His late Majestie of Glorious Memory and continue such to His Most Excellent Majestie Charles the Second by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Corke Fauconberg Jo. Wolstenholme Conyars Darcy Tho: Gower Fr. Cobb Mat. Robinson Geo Savile
William Ogelthorpe
Tho. Strickland
John Goodricke
William Lowther
S. Swale

## APPENDIX II.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION AS APPOINTED BY THE CHARTER OF CHARLES II.

#### MAYOR

Thomas Danby of Farnley Hall, eldest son of Sir Thomas Danby. Born at Westminster Yard, London, 17 Aug. 1631. Murdered in London 31 July 1667.

#### ALDERMEN

John Hopton of Armley Hall. Baptised 22 April 1622, died 15 January 1679.

Benjamin Wade of New Grange, Headingley, b. 1590, d. 15 Feb. 1672. William Marshall, senior, of Upper House, Moor Allerton, d. 4 April 1673, aged 82 years.

John Dawson of Mill Hill, d. 25 October 1669, aged 77 years.

John Metcalfe of Upper Headrow. Removed to Staffordshire 1670.

Henry Skelton of Osmondthorpe, bap. 3 Aug. 1619, d. 20 Nov. 1701.

Francis Allanson of Kirkgate, d. 16 Jan. 1662.

Daniel Foxcroft of Weetwood, bap. 30 June 1631, d. 6 August 1691.

Marmaduke Hick of Boar Lane, b. 1619, d. 17 September 1696. Edward Atkinson, d. 26 August 1676, aged 61 years. Christopher Watkinson of Call Lane, bap. 11 August 1630, d. 1676. Godfrey Lawson of Tower Hill, merchant, b. 1629, d. 27 June 1709.

#### Assistants

William Curtis of Kirkgate, d. 5 October 1676.

Richard Armitage, merchant, of Upper Headrow, bur. 23 July 1673.

Gilbert Cooper (or Cowper) of Knostrop, bur. 1 April 1672.

John Barker [? of Wyther, Armley], bur. 2 May 1664.

John Killingbeck of Moor Grange, Headingley, bap. 1 Jan. 1617, d. 19 September 1696.

John Simpson of Market Place, d. 3 March 1671, aged 62 years.

Bryan Kitchingman of Chapel Allerton. Married Elizabeth, daughter of Adam Hargrave [see below]. Bur. 11 July 1662.

William Milner, merchant, bapt. 30 October 1625, d. 5 October 1691.

Nicholas Lister, of Lidgate, draper. Married Elizabeth Totty of Gledhow 12 May 1634. [See William Hutchinson below.]

George Marshall.

John Hodgson of New Hall, Beeston, bap. 28 October 1601.

William Fenton of Woodhouse, Hunslet, bur. 20 Jan. 1676.

William Busfield, merchant, of Boar Lane, b. May 1635, d. 9 Oct. 1675.

Henry Walker of Upper Headrow, merchant, bur. 26 February 1663.

Samuel Child of Holmes-hall, bur. 8 October 1666.

Robert Pickering.

James Netherwood of Mabgate, bap. 17 Mar. 1602, d. 25 March 1682.

Henry Rhodes of New Chappell, bap. 14 September 1595, bur. 24 May 1666.

Richard Midgley of New Bridge, bur. 5 February 1671.

Lancelot Iveson, bap. 13 Aug. 1615, d. 19 June 1673.

Adam Hargrave of Holbeck, b. 15 April 1618, d. 9 March 1705.

William Foster of Briggate, bur. 28 August 1666.

Charles Holdsworth of Call Lane, bur. 22 October 1664.

Henry Mitchell of Moortown, bur. 12 March 1663.

William Hutchinson, b. 1630, died 25 November 1682, although not nominated in the Charter, took the oath as an Assistant at the first meeting of the new Corporation, 4 January 1662. Apparently he took the place of Nicholas Lister.

COMMON CLERK [TOWN CLERK]

Samuel Brogden of Boar Lane, died May 1679.

RECORDER

Francis White

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